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Select committee rejects Nolan plan

Labour woos Tories on pay disclosure

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Government faces a cliffhanger vote in the Commons on Monday when Labour MPs will try to press Conservatives to vote with them on the disclosure of their outside earnings.

The campaign will be launched today after the Conservative-dominated select committee set up to consider parliamentary reform rejected the key recommendation that such disclosure should be mandatory.

Labour immediately gave notice that it would table amendments to the select committee's report to give all MPs an opportunity to vote on the proposals put forward by Lord Nolan after his inquiry into parliamentary "sleaze".

It is writing to some 100 Tories in marginal seats asking them whether they back disclosure, and urging them to declare their outside earnings related to their parliamentary activities.

"If we have to embarrass and shame them, so be it," a Labour source said.

Labour also accused the Government of watering down Lord Nolan's recommendations over former ministers taking jobs in the private sector.

The possibility of losing the vote, and being forced to reveal how much they receive from consultancy work, is causing dismay among Conservatives. They say it would be an intrusion of their privacy, and the first step towards stopping them doing any outside work, which they say is necessary to supplement their parliamentary salaries of £33,189.

Dark threats are being issued that being forced to disclose earnings could prompt a mass resignation of MPs at the next election.

Although officially it has been declared a free vote, in fact it will be the opposite and massive presssure will be exerted on Conservative MPs to ensure that they attend the debate. Similarly, Labour MPs are already being urged to drop any plans they had to be away from the House. The outcome could hinge on the minority parties and several Ulster Unionist MPs have already said they will not be there.

Only a handful of Conservative MPs have backed the open disclosure of earnings, although some ministers fear that number will grow if they come under pressure from the press this week.

Members of the select committee received the final draft report in the name of Tony Newton, its chairman and the Commons leader, yesterday afternoon. It contained the plans agreed between both sides of the committee for a broad ban on advocacy — MPs being paid to represent the interests of companies and lobby groups.

The committee, which has been meeting all through the summer recess, also proposed that MPs could continue to earn money from consultancies, provided the work was classified as being advisory. But on the key question of whether they should disclose how much they earn from such work the two sides agreed to differ, with Labour making it plain that they would give the full House an opportunity to decide.

Last night it appeared that the Government had made a late concession to Labour, agreeing that the new rules should come into force at the end of the year rather than after the General Election. Mr Newton meanwhile claimed that there was "a lot of agreement" over the select committee report.

Ministers will argue that because the select committee representing all parts of the House has agreed a report, Conservative MPs should back it and not go along with Labour's attempt to turn the issue into a straight party political fight.

Labour, which is relishing the opportunity of a fresh attack on the Government over "sleaze", is to use the Prime Minister's apparent original acceptance of the Nolan recommendations as ammunition in its campaign. He told the Commons: "I don't just accept the broad thrust of Nolan. I agree with it."

A senior Labour source said: "If we win Monday's vote we win. If we lose Monday's vote we still win because the public will see this as Tory MPs trying to cover up things from their constituents."

Meanwhile Sir Gordon Downey, a former Comptroller and Auditor General, was named as the first parliamentary commissioner for standards, a post proposed by the Nolan committee.

Sir Gordon, 67, will receive a salary of £72,000for a four-day week. He has said that he can start work within two weeks and will be responsible for monitoring the Register of MPs' Interests and providing induction courses in "conduct, propriety and ethics" to new MPs.

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Labour plans to extend tax-free savings schemes

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will today announce plans to extend tax relief for personal savings schemes in what will be seen as a further foray into Tory territory.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will disclose that a Labour government would not only keep the Tessa and PEP schemes set up by the Conservatives but extend them and make them available to a wider number of people.

There has been speculation that Labour would scrap both the tax-free medium-term savings plans. Mr Brown will make clear that the party has no intention of penalising those with small savings, but wants to find new ways of encouraging people to provide long-term investment funds for British firms.

In addition he will disclose ways of building on the current private finance initiative to encourage more private investment in public sector projects. He is expected to give details of more favourable rates for private investors backed by a new task force to oversee the schemes.

Over the next few weeks in the run up to the Budget on November 28 Mr Brown will announce a series of policy initiatives focusing on plans to encourage employers to take on the jobless, schemes to get people off benefit into work and further tax proposals.

Today Labour has taken out a full-page advertisement in *The Times* criticising Britain's current economic standing in the world. The advertisement publishes a world prosperity league, based on national output per head, which shows that since 1979 Britain has slipped from 13th to 18th place in the table of OECD countries plus Hong Kong and Singapore.

The text running underneath the league table reads: "If you'd slumped to 18th, Wouldn't you get new management?."

Today Mr Brown will reiterate Britain's economic position in relation to other countries, describing "the humiliation" of slumping so far. He will argue that the best way of addressing the problem is not to take a penny or two off income tax. "The best way the Government can sustain recovery is by encouraging the higher levels of investment which our economy needs."

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The Duke of Northumberland with the actress Barbara Carrera, one of a series of glamorous women in his life

Man-about-town Duke dies at 42

BY LIN JENKINS

THE Duke of Northumberland, one of the most flamboyant yet enigmatic members of the British aristocracy, died at his London mansion Syon House yesterday. He was 42 and had been in poor health for some years.

Henry Alan Walter Richard Percy, who succeeded to the title seven years ago, had embraced both the traditions of his birthright and the pursuits of a wealthy bachelor-about-town.

But he had complained of debility caused by an ME-type illness that had afflicted him since university days, and had also received treatment for depression.

A statement released by the family said that he had died peacefully, but neither the cause of death nor any further details were released. Scotland Yard said a post-mortem examination would take place tomorrow, but the death was not being treated as suspicious. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.



Valerie Campbell: numb with shock



Ralph Percy: becomes the 12th Duke

Ralph, the elder of his two younger brothers, will become the 12th Duke. Aged 39, he lives on the family estate at Alnwick with his wife and their two sons and two daughters. He is fond of the rural sporting life and has extended the family grouse moors.

Often dubbed Britain's most eligible bachelor, the late Duke was linked with a series of glamorous women, including the actress Barbara Carrera and more recently Valerie Campbell, mother of the model Naomi. Ms Campbell said last night that she was "numb with shock". "I doubt if I will ever meet a more intelligent and witty man. He was a very, very sweet man and was always extremely charming, I shall dearly miss him with all my heart." She added that she had seen the Duke at the Savoy last week and they had spoken on the telephone on Saturday when he had seemed "his normal happy and warm self".

As a young man, the 11th Duke led a vigorous life following traditional country pursuits, such as shooting on the 100,000 acre estate around the imposing Alnwick Castle. He also hunted with his pack, The Percy.

When illness dictated a more sedate life, he embraced his passion for the cinema. His home was used as a set for

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West tells court of hatred for 'devil' husband

BY RICHARD DUCE AND BILL FROST

ROSEMARY WEST spoke yesterday of her abiding hatred for an evil husband she now regards as the Devil after learning that he confessed to the murder of ten young women and girls, including their daughter.

She said she never suspected that her husband Frederick was a killer but once she discovered the truth from police, she said: "I hated him. I just couldn't believe I could hate anyone so bad."

Mrs West, 41, who denies ten murders, told Winchester Crown Court that she refused to see her husband in prison and once they were jointly accused could not bear to be in the same dock when they appeared on remand.

She said: "I didn't want to know him. I didn't trust myself with him in his company and felt that I'd at least have a go at him. The worst thing was going to court. We sat in the dock together and I requested that there be prison officers between us. I didn't see the man I'd known for all those years. He was just a walking figure of evil. It may seem daft but I saw him with horns complete with a saranic grin."

Asked by Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, if her views had changed since her husband's death, she said: "No sir, certainly not. I'm still very angry with him. It will take many years for that to go."

The prosecution allege that both Wests were involved in the murders of Charmaine, their daughter Heather, 16, and eight other young women. All but Charmaine were buried at the couple's home at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester.

Mrs West said: "I couldn't take someone's life, especially my own daughter."

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Lloyd's names win £300m

Nearly 2,000 Lloyd's names have won an estimated £300 million in compensation in a High Court action against Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young, together with other defendants, including Stephen Merrett, a former deputy chairman of Lloyd's.

This is the first time that auditors have been found liable to pay compensation. John Mays, chairman of the syndicate names association, was "delighted" ..... Page 25

British protest at death sentence

Britain has condemned Nigeria's military regime for sentencing Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and human rights campaigner, to death after what Whitehall dismissed as a "flawed" judicial process.

A military court found Mr Saro-Wiwa guilty of plotting the murders of four of his own Ogoni people..... Page 15

Wembley may lose place as top arena

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WEMBLEY Stadium will lose its chance of becoming the site of Britain's top new national sports arena unless its owners give way in negotiations over creating the new venue.

After more than 70 years as the most famous stadium in the country, the owners have been warned that they face relegation in a fight against their Manchester rivals.

Wembley Stadium Ltd, and a group backed by Manchester City Council, are the front-runners to build the country's flagship sports arena for the next century. Three other cities, Birmingham, Bradford and Sheffield, failed to meet requirements.

Under present proposals, Wembley will donate the site in return for a deal allowing it to operate the stadium in the 21st Century. But unless it is prepared to compromise over the details of the deal, the 10-man panel responsible for choosing the site have threatened to opt for Eastlands, Manchester.

The Wembley plan involves demolishing the arena, which was built in 1923, and erecting an 80,000-seat stadium. However, Manchester, which on Friday will almost certainly be awarded the 2002 Commonwealth Games, is promoting itself as the cheaper option and has already spent £30 million of government money on its site during its failed bid for the 2000 Olympic Games.

The final decision on the venue, which may stage Olympic Games, World Cups and world athletics championships, is expected in about six months, with the stadium being completed by 2000.

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Canada licks its wounds after narrow victory

FROM TOM RHODES IN MONTREAL

THE Canadian Cabinet held a day-long crisis meeting yesterday after a referendum on independence for Quebec was defeated by a margin of 1.12 per cent.

The result, in which just over 53,000 voters tipped the balance in Canada's favour, left deep divisions in Quebec.

Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, said his government was prepared to seek fresh constitutional change for Quebec and called for a new national unity. But Jacques Parizeau, the Premier of Quebec, in a defiant reference to the failed 1980 referendum said: "We won't wait 15 years this time. We will get it, our country."

Tension, which had built throughout the night, finally spilled onto the streets of Montreal early yesterday. Riot police were called to prevent a clash between rival groups near the centre of Montreal and the office of Daniel Johnson, organiser of the pro-federal campaign in Quebec, was set on fire by protesters.

Shop windows in St Catherine Street were smashed, eight people were arrested and one policeman injured. The two sides had faced each other across the street. A young crowd, chanting "losers, losers" sparked immediate reaction from the French-speaking supporters who grabbed and trampled on Canadian flags.

Opponents of secession won 50.56 per cent of the vote with 49.44 per cent taken by separatists, according to preliminary official results. The number of votes cast against sovereignty totalled 2,360,714 while 2,308,266 voted in favour. Some 86,338 ballots, or 1.82 per cent, were spoilt. The turnout of more than 93 per cent, surpassed the previous record 85.6 per cent vote in a similar poll in 1980.

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Commons takes a trip in search of something harder

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

DRUGS dominated Questions to ministers at the Commons yesterday. Few MPs could leave the subject alone. Within minutes of Prayers, Labour's irrepressible Paul Flynn (Newport W) led in gently with a question to Health ministers about a chemical substance of a respectable kind: paracetamol. What could be done to prevent what he called "paracetamol abuse".

Abuse? What did he mean? Had Mr Flynn's constituents taken to placing packets of paracetamol on their bathroom shelves and screaming insults at them? This struck us as unusual behaviour, even in Newport. We discounted the theory. "Abuse" has taken on a special meaning these days, of course. Was Flynn concerned that people were dragooning unconsenting bottles of pain-killers into unnatural acts of a sort at which he only dared hint in a polite legislature? Again, the thought seemed absurd.

Further study of his question (about nausea-inducing safeguards which could be built into the drug) did uncover Flynn's meaning. He was worried that voters are taking overdoses of paracetamol in order to kill themselves. In this sense paracetamol abuse is an alternative to razorblade abuse, shotgun-abuse, exhaust-fume abuse, or Empire State abuse, although Mr Flynn did not suggest how the Government might render blades, bullets, fumes or skyscrapers harmless.

Dr Sam Galbraith (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, Labour's bald brain-surgeon who once remarked of his famously dotty former colleague, Ron Brown "I can do nothing for him") moved us on to harder drugs: Galbraith was anxious about the NHS prospects for something called beta-interferon.

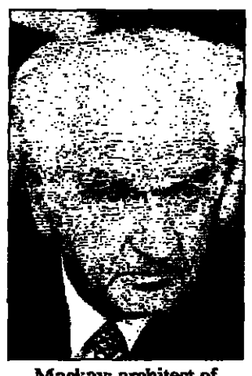
In your sketchwriter's youth, beta-interferon would have been the name of a punk rock band. I wondered, now, whether this might be a nickname for a particularly effective Commons heckler: Andrew MacKinlay (Lab, Thurrock) might play Beta Interferon to Dennis Skinner's Alpha Interferon. But no: the context was relentlessly medical. We understood little. We did, however, understand Delta Interferon, otherwise known as Michael Fabricant. To Labour cries of "stupid boy," the Tory Member for Mid Staffs with the amazing hairdo and showbiz manner shrugged off the sobriquet Absolutely Fabricant and launched an attack on cannabis. "Does Clare Short inhale?" he asked, summoning up what gravity lies within his reach.

I looked down at Fabricant's staring eyes, Bowis's puffy indignation, and the banshee Tory benches, lost in a euphoria far removed from their desperate plight. Opposite, Labour were squawking and giggling. The Liberal Democrats were staring blankly into space. Is Party Politics, do you suppose, a sort of drug? Have they all taken something which bends perception, blocks thought-process, and tips victims towards weird reactions and irrational speech-patterns? What are they all on, that they should be in Britain yet strangely removed from it? Whatever it is, it's addictive. Tony Blair needs no amphetamines: such is the buzz from new Labour that he's totally wired and permanently on the ceiling. For Mr Major — Dougal to Blair's Zebedee and Europe's most spaced-out premier — marijuana would be superfluous. Yesterday Major told a backbench crawler that those who experiment with soft drugs may go on to harder things. The Tory Right, sitting all around him, certainly hope so.

New triumph for Tory Right

Cabinet retreats over 'liberal' divorce reforms

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Webster


Mackay: architect of divorce proposals

MINISTERS were on the brink of retreating last night from their plans for the biggest overhaul of the divorce laws for 25 years.

Amid mounting pressure from Conservative MPs and some ministers for the proposed "no fault" Divorce Reform Bill to be dropped or drastically amended, a decision could come at an emergency Cabinet meeting pencilled in for next Monday, before John Major flies to New Zealand for a week-long visit including the Commonwealth Conference.

A meeting today involving the Prime Minister and his business managers, which had been expected to discuss the Bill, has been cancelled. Ministers are understood to be studying ways of escaping from their commitment to change the divorce laws in the next session of Parliament while saving the face of Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor.

One option is to abandon the Bill, which, in the eyes of many traditional Tories, makes divorce easier by removing the concept of fault and by reducing the maximum waiting period from five years to one year. But this would be a savage rebuff to the Lord Chancellor, who only last week was forced to withdraw temporarily his Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill in the face of Tory protests that he was putting unmarried couples on the same legal footing as married people. Today, he will table amendments to the Bill in an attempt to rescue its uncontentious parts, but with this year's session drawing to an end, he cannot be sure of salvaging anything.

Prominent Conservatives said yesterday that they believed Lord Mackay's position would be "untenable" if his divorce reforms, which have been on the stocks for at least five years, also bit the dust. However, senior ministers discounted the possibility of his resignation.

John Redwood, a former Cabinet minister, yesterday floated compromise proposals that are believed to be under scrutiny by ministers. He suggested that retaining the concept of fault and ensuring that a year was the minimum waiting time, compared with the few months of current "quickie" divorces where fault is admitted, would defuse backbench opposition. Mediation — non-adversarial talks about the practicalities of dividing up the family home — and delaying divorce decrees until after agreement had been reached about the custody and maintenance of any children involved could be salvaged from the original proposals.

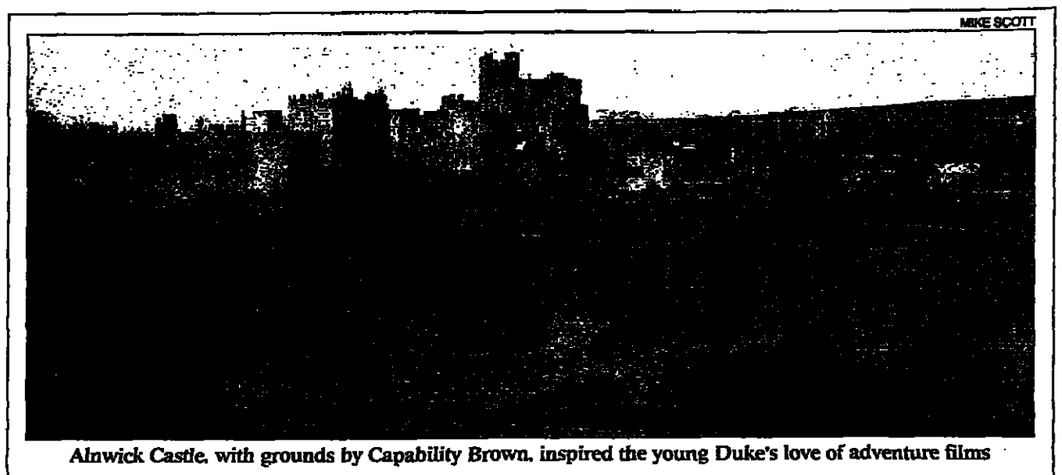
Ministerial sources indicated last night that in the face of criticism, Lord Mackay was prepared to be flexible about his proposals. It was said that he might be prepared to extend the waiting period for a divorce to more than the initial one year.

Mr Redwood said on BBC radio: "There are a lot of parliamentary colleagues very nervous about no-fault divorce on a fairly speedy timetable, and that is the aspect of the White Paper proposals which I trust the Lord Chancellor will address, perhaps by redrafting the legislation so colleagues are reassured."

In a marked change of tack, senior ministers yesterday dropped their insistence that the divorce Bill would certainly figure in the Queen's Speech. Instead they were emphasising that it could be a casualty if the Budget, due on November 28, throws up new legislation that would crowd the Government's programme. It was made plain that while some Bills could not be dropped, divorce was one that could go if the programme was too heavy. This was the clearest indication of the view of a substantial number of ministers that the Bill should not proceed in its present form.

Roger Gale, Tory MP for Thanet North, underlined the scale of the opposition to Lord Mackay's proposals. "There is a strong and growing body of opinion that the time has come to draw the line to say enough is enough. We actually have things in this country that we must protect before we lose them completely.

"There is certainly very great concern within the party at every level, about any possibility that would weaken the family unit," he said. "We're in the business of strengthening the family and trying to rebuild the family unit as the cornerstone of society."


MIKE SCOTT
Alnwick Castle, with grounds by Capability Brown, inspired the young Duke's love of adventure films

Family with a place in history

By John Young

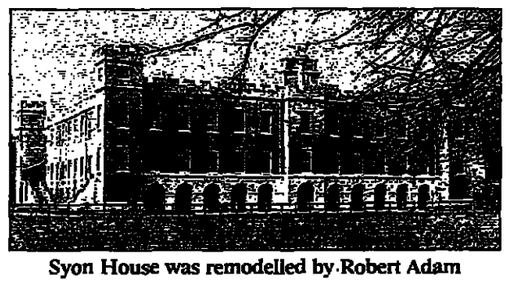
THE Dukes of Northumberland own more than 90,000 acres centred upon two of England's grandest houses, Alnwick Castle, in Northumberland, and Syon House, in west London.

Housed within the two is a collection of art treasures worth something in the region of £200 million. Just four years ago a "forgotten" Raphael was discovered on the wall of a corridor at Alnwick and valued by experts at between £20 million and £30 million.

The Dukes exemplify "old" money, being the scions of the Percys, one of the grandest, most powerful, headstrong and scheming of English families, whose name reverberates down the chapters of our history. In 1377 Henry de Percy officiated at the coronation of Richard II, was rewarded with the earldom of Northumberland and promptly launched a series of political machinations, abetted by his son Harry Hotspur.

The Percys continued to play politics during the Wars of the Roses, at first taking the Lancastrian side, then allying themselves with the Yorkists when the tide turned. Under the Tudors the seventh earl was beheaded for supporting Mary Queen of Scots, and his brother, to whom the title passed, died in the Tower of London. The 10th Earl also spent some 16 years in the Tower after the Gunpowder Plot.

The first Duke, created in 1766, was actually a usurper, one Smithson who took the name when he maried a Percy daughter. He became confidential adviser to George III and was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; he spent much of his fortune on enhancing the splendours of Alnwick. Syon House, one of London's biggest tourist attractions, overlooks the Thames at Chiswick.


Syon House was remodelled by Robert Adam

John Betjeman once said of it: "You would never guess that battlemented house contained such wonders as are inside it."

Originally built in the 15th century, it was extensively remodelled by Robert Adam in the grandest Palladian style.

Alnwick, with its spectacular fortifications, is set on a rocky precipice above the River Aline. The Duke once said: "Growing up in Northumberland, I was always surrounded by guns and horses and had large estates to roam around on... Stimulated by the stories of family chivalry and historic events, I became captivated by Westerns and adventure films."

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Death of bachelor-about-town Duke

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parts of Kevin Costner's *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*.

The Duke set up Hotspur Films and sank £2 million into *Lost in Africa*, a feature film shot in Kenya, Zimbabwe and Botswana about a tourist party kidnapped by ivory poachers. He played one of the tourists, but despite his enthusiasm, the production secured neither critical acclaim nor a general release.

Friends described the Duke as a renaissance man of the old school with wide-ranging interests and he was equally at home in the Northumberland countryside and on the London party circuit.

In one of his last interviews, however, he described his frustration at periodic bouts of illness. "I feel very tired frequently and can't do things. It is very frustrating and depressing if I let it get on top of me. All I can do is lie down and have a rest."

At Alnwick, his death was greeted with sadness. Gerald Curry, 70, a retired vet, said: "He was a true gentleman who was extremely well thought of in Alnwick. He was a deep thinking and private person who tended to find the best in people. He had the title and the wealth, but he had a keen understanding of basic human nature."

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Glimmer of hope in Belfast talks deadlock

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

SINN Fein and the Government failed to overcome their differences yesterday in more than three hours of talks in Belfast.

Martin McGuinness, the leading member of Sinn Fein who met Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, at Stormont, said after the talks that "major difficulties" lay ahead. "Regrettably the impasse in the peace process has not been broken," he said.

However, Mr Ancram said after the discussion that progress had been made in some areas and that the two sides had agreed to meet again on Friday.

The talks in Belfast centred on proposals, drawn up by Sinn Fein and the SDLP, designed to break the deadlock in the peace process. It is understood that the proposals call on the Government to convene all-party talks by December 15, the second anniversary of the Downing Street declaration.

The Government, however, insists that the IRA must begin to decommission some of its arms before Sinn Fein can join such talks. The peace process has become deadlocked because Sinn Fein rejects this as an attempt to force an IRA surrender. Ministers hope to overcome the impasse by launching a twin track strategy which would involve setting up an international disarmament commission to oversee the decommissioning of terrorist weapons. At the same time London and Dublin would hold talks with individual parties to lay the basis for all party talks.

Mr Ancram said after his talks yesterday that the twin track strategy provided the best way of moving forward. "The whole point of the twin track is to allow us to approach these problems from a different perspective."

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Train journeys 'take longer than six years ago'

By Emma Wilkins

TRAIN journeys are slower today than they were six years ago before the arrival of the Passenger's Charter, it was claimed yesterday. One service takes longer in 1995 than it did on a steam train in the 1950s, according to Barry Doe, a travel consultant.

In 1950s, the last leg of the journey from Torquay to Paignton took between three and six minutes by steam train, according to timetables from the archive of the National Railway Museum. The journey time remained about six minutes until 1989 when it slowed down to up to 13 minutes. Mr Doe claims that it takes less time to cycle the route, which is just under four miles, than to travel by modern train.

On the six-mile Bournemouth to Poole route, 22 minutes is allowed on the timetable. Cyclists from the Bournemouth Arrow bicycle club average 19 minutes for the same journey by road. One club member, aged 65, completed the journey by bicycle in less time than the train.

Ten out of 12 InterCity routes take longer than in 1989 while the other two take the same amount of time, Mr Doe claims on BBC1's *Here and Now* programme, which is due to be broadcast tonight.

Timetables have been changed to make journeys longer to prevent passengers from claiming compensation for delays — as they are entitled to under the 1992 charter, according to the programme.

British Rail admitted yesterday that some services are slower than in the past but said the longer times make the train network more reliable for passengers.

On the West coast Mainline track, the journey from Glasgow to Euston is now 32 minutes slower than in 1989, when it took just five hours and four minutes. Today, the same journey is timetabled to take five hours and 36 minutes.

The Liverpool to Euston trip takes 15 minutes longer this year than it did six years ago when the journey time was two hours 35 minutes.

On the Great Western route, the London to Penzance journey is now eight minutes slower than in 1989. It now takes five hours and 40 minutes. A spokesman for Great Western pointed out that the same journey can now be done in five hours on the 10.25 service — but this is not comparable with the 1989 rail service because it does not have so many stops.

A British Rail spokesman denied that the introduction of the Passenger's Charter had affected timetables. "It's got nothing to do with the charter — it's designed to provide a better and more reliable service for passengers," a spokesman said.

However, David Smith, a former BR train crew manager, said that the adjustments in timetables were designed to make it appear that targets are being met.

"The motive is to enable the train operating companies to massage their statistics to show their performance in a better light."

Watchdog condemns rail sell-off 'pantomime'

By Jonathan Prynn

RAIL privatisation was condemned yesterday by the leading train passenger watchdog as a "pantomime" with no prospect of a happy ending.

Major-General Lennox Napier, the outgoing chairman of the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee, said that the sell-off would end up costing the taxpayer an extra £700 million in subsidy.

"So I end rather looking at a pantomime. Pantomimes should have a happy ending. At the moment there isn't a Prince Charming called finance or investment yet in the script," he told BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Privatisation "will only work if the Government and private firms will invest at a high level for a long time in the future," he said. "Never has investment in the railway been less. It's half what it was two years ago."

He warned that the industry could not be sustained in the long term on such a level of funding. "I see no clarity or certainty about the funding in the future and this worries me very greatly. There is a political agenda, there is a financial agenda, and they don't walk in step with what the passengers want."

The criticism provoked an immediate response from Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, who said in a statement that he "profoundly disagreed" with the general's comments. "Far from undermining the railways, rail privatisation offers more opportunities for stronger investment and a better service for passengers," he said.

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'Yes, I was very strict on the children. I was very worried about them'

West denies all knowledge of sexual abuse

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ROSEMARY WEST

AS HER cross-examination by Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, began yesterday, Rosemary West denied any knowledge of the "murders, dismemberment and sexual abuse of young women and children" which allegedly took place at 25 Cromwell Street.

"You never saw anything which alerted you to the horror of what was happening?" asked Mr Leveson.

"That's right," she replied. "I never saw anything."

Mrs West denied she had seen evidence of sexual abuse, bodies or bloodstains. "I don't know how he got away with it," she said.

Mr Leveson asked her to explain screams heard in the night by people who stayed at the house. She suggested that the cries could have been made by her children as they played. Her daughter Heather, whose body was the first to be unearthed at Cromwell Street, did suffer from bad dreams, Mrs West said, but she would always comfort her.

Mr Leveson suggested that she had been "utterly and completely" devoted to her husband and remained so until his arrest.

"No sir, that's not right."

"He was utterly devoted to you," Mr Leveson said.

"No sir, I don't believe that he was capable of loving anyone," she said.

The QC read from letters written in prison in which Frederick West wrote: "To my darling wife Rose" and ended "Darling, for ever, my love, you are safe now and forever."

She agreed that when she was having children she never complained to her GP that her husband was abusing her, making her life miserable.

She was then questioned on her evidence that Frederick West tried to persuade her to stay in hospital in June 1972 after she gave birth to her daughter Mae. She said she could not remember on June 5 that he wanted to take her from hospital. She was shown a document which said he wanted to take her out of hospital against strong medical advice and that he was aware of the possible consequences. She said she could not recollect staying in hospital until June 10.

Reports by Bill Frost and Richard Duce

Mrs West maintained that she remembered coming home early. She denied staying "the full course" in hospital.

Mr Leveson: "To the world you presented the perfect couple?"

Mrs West: "I wanted a home and the family and Fred could provide for us. I did not know how I presented to the rest of the world."

Mr Leveson read extracts from a letter dated September 27, 1992, beginning: "To my darling." Asked if that represented her feelings, Mrs West replied: "Not completely, no. I was in a difficult position. I had had an affair with a man but I wasn't sure whether I could split up the home without hurting the children."

Mr Leveson told her: "Look at the end of the letter please. 'Goodnight sweetheart, lots of love. Rose'. And then did you draw a complex heart with the names Fred and Rose with an arrow through them?"

Rosemary West said: "I don't remember the drawing. Perhaps Fred did the drawing afterwards."

Asked about the evidence of former neighbour Shirley Giles that she ruled the children with a "steel rod", Mrs West said: "Yes, I was very strict on the children. I was very worried about them. I wanted to protect them and look after them and, yes, I suppose I did go over the top with the discipline."

Mr Leveson then read extracts referring to Charmaine in a letter Rosemary West had sent to her husband while he was in prison which included the words: "Darling, about Char, I think she likes to be handled rough."

"Mrs West, how rough is rough?" Mr Leveson asked.

She replied: "I would just be referring to the fact that she seemed to be a little tougher than Anne Marie."

Mr Leveson: "She likes to be handled rough: does that not mean you think that she prefers to be pushed around?"

Mrs West: "No, I wouldn't have said that about a child."

Mr Leveson: "She was going to go, wasn't she?"

Mrs West said she did not understand the question.

Mr Leveson: "She wasn't going to stay in your family, was she?"

Mrs West: "She didn't want to stay in my family, but I didn't want her there, no. I didn't want to keep a child who didn't want to be with me but wanted to be with her natural mother."

Mr Leveson said: "All that about Rena coming to pick up Charmaine is piffle, isn't it?"

Mrs West: "No sir, it's the truth."

When Mr Leveson asked if Charmaine's death was an accident "because she was treated a bit rough", Mrs West said: "She didn't die in my care."

Mr Leveson: "You abused that girl, didn't you?"

Mrs West: "Not to the extent that you would like to think, no."

The trial continues.



Rosemary West questioned by Brian Leveson, QC, yesterday. She denied she was devoted to her husband

Tears as court told: I didn't think I was that bad a mum

HEATHER WEST

ROSEMARY WEST said she was told to do the shopping on the day her daughter Heather disappeared, supposedly leaving home to work at a holiday camp. Mrs West said she had insisted that Heather, 16, should not leave until her return so they could say their final goodbyes. She returned to find Heather gone.

"I immediately hit the roof. Fred promised me he wouldn't let her go without me saying goodbye. He just said he couldn't stop her. He appeared to me to be rather ashamed of allowing her to go. He was rather coy and making excuses."

The remains of Heather, who disappeared in 1987, were the first to be recovered by police from the garden of the Wests' home in Cromwell Street, Gloucester.

Mrs West sobbed and paused frequently for long periods as she described Heather's early life at Cromwell Street and the events before her disappearance in June 1987. She said Heather was at school until about four or five months and then attended occasionally to sit examinations.

Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, asked how she had got on with Heather. "Not too good at this time," Mrs West said.

Before she disappeared Heather would just sit around the house, Mrs West said. "I wanted her to take some interest in getting a job . . . but she didn't want to know. When I tried to talk to her she seemed very offhand, very quiet, she didn't seem to want to communicate with me."

She thought the reason for Heather's attitude was that her daughter disliked her for seeing other men. Mrs West said when she learnt that Heather had got a job at a holiday camp in Devon, she tried to persuade her daughter not to go. "I talked it over with Fred and it was obvious that she was going to go. She had mumbled something about, 'I'm going to go and you can't stop me.'

"I wanted her to have some money on her. I went out and got as much money as I had in the Post Office. I gave the money to Fred and said I wanted to talk to her, a last ditch to try to persuade her to stay.

"He said, 'You go and do the shopping and I will talk to her.' I made him promise not to let her go until I came back, so we could at least say goodbye, and I went out shopping."

In the weeks that followed, she said, they were expecting to hear from Heather as Frederick West had said she promised to keep in contact. Mrs West said her husband told her that Heather was all right and he had sometimes spoken to her on the telephone as well as seeing her in the Gloucester area. As late as 1992, when West was staying at a bail hostel, he told his wife that Heather had visited him.

Mrs West told the court: "We had a big row about it. I wanted to know why he hadn't persuaded her to get in contact with me. Surely after all that time she could have brought herself to speak to me, but apparently it wasn't so."

Asked if she had heard from Heather again, Mrs West said: "I feel a fool about it now but I believe I did." She said her husband had handed the telephone to her on one occasion saying it was Heather on the other end. She heard a young drunken voice competing with loud background music. "I thought it was Heather," Mrs West said. "I just kept hoping she'd get in contact with us. I thought she'd get in contact at Christmas but we heard nothing. I felt angry because she'd turned her back on us. I didn't think I was that bad a mum.



Heather West: was last seen in 1987

"Fred loved Heather and made a fuss of her. He called her his big girl. I didn't believe that he would hurt any of the children."

Mrs West claimed that her stepdaughter Anne Marie had idolised her father and even knowing of his involvement in the murders had visited him in prison. "Even when Fred was arrested and admitted those terrible things, she didn't turn against him. He'd killed her mother and her two half-sisters but it didn't seem to matter to her at all."

Anne Marie Davis, now 31, has told the court that she was abused by Mrs West and her father from the age of eight. Yesterday Mrs West denied assaulting her stepdaughter. "I believe she resented me for coming between her and her father. I thought she accepted me but obviously she never did. She must just hate me."

The court has been told that West is believed to have been responsible for the murder of his first wife, Rena Costello, who was Anne Marie's mother. Her body was found buried in a field close to West's former childhood home, near Hereford. Mrs West is not charged in connection with her death.

'Men came for sex as Fred watched'

INSIDE FROM P1

ROSEMARY WEST told the court that her husband made her a special room to which she took men. Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, asked: "To what? Why were men brought back to that room?"

Mrs West said in a firm, clear voice: "For sex." She went on: "Fred put a hole in a screw in the door. I wasn't really aware of what he used it for but I believe he was watching me and what I was doing."

West had put a sign — "Rose's Room" — over the hole, she said. When she did return with a man, they would go into her "special room".

Mr Ferguson: "In your room, did you have sex with these men?"

Mrs West: "More often than not. Yes, sir."

When Mr Ferguson asked about her sexual activities with men friends in the room, Mrs West said: "It was straight sex. It wasn't anything kinky or way out. I would like to make friends with people. We would talk and have a drink and play records."

It was possible that noises would be heard coming from the room but she thought it would be difficult to interpret them. She used to meet the men in pubs and clubs around Gloucester. Although she would have drinks, she did not get drunk very often.

She said it was a "steadfast" rule of her husband's that she telephoned to tell him if she was returning that evening or staying out with another man for the night.

She told the court that her husband had made videos of her but they were only for the couple's private use. Her husband had tried to interest her in bondage but she said she was not particularly interested. She admitted that she kept sex aids in the house.

'The silly, pregnant girl I thought Fred was just helping'

SHIRLEY ROBINSON

FREDERICK WEST said he was pretending to be the father of a lodger's child, to save the girl from embarrassment, Mrs West claimed. A businessman was said to have made Shirley Robinson pregnant and then disowned her in 1977.

Mrs West said: "Fred said he was covering as father of the baby until she could get herself back on her feet. Shirley was young and vulnerable and I believed it. I thought he was doing it to protect Shirley."

She said she did not suspect that her husband could have been the real father of the unborn child. Mrs West denied a prosecution claim that she was the lesbian lover of Miss Robinson, and that she had been jealous of her husband's involvement with her. The bodies of Miss Robinson and the unborn child werew found in the garden of 25 Cromwell Street. Mrs West said Shirley had vanished one day, and her husband claimed she left to stay with relatives in Germany.

A prosecution witness has described how Mrs West was seen gathering up Miss Robinson's belongings after she disappeared from the house. But Mrs West said it was not unusual for lodgers to leave belongings.

Miss Robinson went to live at Cromwell Street around 1977. Mrs West was in the latter stages of her own pregnancy with her daughter Tara in about December of that year. She said Miss Robinson began to help her with her children, which became a regular occurrence. She became aware that the girl was pregnant, but she did not know by whom. "Fred had told me that Shirley's baby was from a businessman. He was married and did not want a scandal. Fred told me that he was covering as the father until Shirley could decide what she was going to do. I believed it."

West told everyone he was the baby's father, she said. "He made it quite clear to everybody. I thought he was just doing it to protect Shirley." Mrs West said she was "not particularly close" to the girl. "I really saw her as a vulnerable child. I wanted to protect her until she could sort her life out. In the later stages of her pregnancy, we fell out. She was silly and irresponsible. She wanted to look after my children. She just wasn't capable."

Mrs West later denied all knowledge of the victim known only as Miss A, who alleges she was abused by both Mr and Mrs West at their home while she was in local authority care. "I don't believe Miss A came to the house. If she did come to Cromwell Street, it certainly wasn't number 25."

She denied ever seeing Alison Chambers, another girl whose remains were uncovered at the West's home. She said numerous people could visit Cromwell Street without her knowing, because lodgers who lived upstairs often had friends and relatives to see them, and the front door was usually left open.

Mrs West, who admits to being bisexual, also rejected the evidence of her lesbian lover Kathryn Halliday, who claimed in court that she was the subject of violent sexual assault by Mrs West. Mrs West said their six month relationship was "100 per cent consensual".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church protest at Playboy channel

The Methodist Church has sold its £800,000 stake in BSkyB because of the satellite broadcaster's backing for a Playboy Channel launched today. It said it was a protest against "material which is designed wholly to provide sexual stimulation and which exploits human beings".

The Playboy Channel will provide four hours programming daily and has been set up by BSkyB, a FT-SE 100 company which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of *The Times*, in conjunction with Flextech and Playboy Enterprises.

Amis funeral

The funeral of Sir Kingsley Amis was held quietly at St Mark's Church, Primrose Hill. Those present included his son Martin, his first wife Lady Kilmarnock and her husband Lord Kilmarnock. Sir Kingsley, 73, spent his last years living with the Kilmarnocks, after his divorce from Elizabeth Jane Howard, who was not at the funeral. A memorial service is being organised by the Garrick club.

Fire warning

A series of 24-hour strikes by firefighters, due to begin on Merseyside today, is set to continue over bonfire night weekend after talks to end the dispute ended in deadlock. Families and teenagers in the area were urged to abandon bonfires and unofficial firework displays on strike days, which also include tomorrow and Saturday. The Army will provide cover with Green Goddesses.

Inquiry call

The National Audit Office has been asked by Labour to investigate the Government's rents-to-mortgage scheme, under which only 13 houses have been sold. The scheme, launched two years ago with a £140,000 publicity campaign, was meant to encourage low-earners to acquire their council homes. Labour said it had been "a spectacular example of incompetence and waste by the Government".

Bomber project

A Stealth bomber is being considered by the Ministry of Defence as a replacement for the RAF's Tornado ground-attack aircraft next century. Stealth technology allows aircraft to be almost invisible to enemy radar. The bomber would come into service in 2010 at the earliest. *Flight International*, a specialist magazine, claims that a full-scale flying demonstrator is likely by 2000.

Zoo reprieve

John Aspinall has reprieved until Christmas his Howletts Zoo Park, near Canterbury, where a keeper was killed by a tiger last year. He has threatened to shut the zoo if the local licensing authority stops keepers going into the cages. At an industrial tribunal challenging the ruling, he heard further submissions will be necessary, delaying a decision until late next month.

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Many teachers and pupils have accepted low standards as the norm, say experts

Shephard advised to close school that is 'beyond hope'

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A BOYS' comprehensive is likely to close its doors forever by the end of the year, as the first school to be shut by the Government for failing its pupils. Six education experts appointed to turn around Hackney Downs in east London said yesterday that there was no hope of improvement.

Gillian Shephard, Secretary for Education and Employment, said she was "minded to agree" but must first hold a 10-day consultation period. Labour backed the decision.

Teachers said they were bitterly disappointed and claimed they had not been given enough time to prove themselves after government inspectors found some improvements in March. All 40 staff face redundancy or redeployment.

Richard Painter, chief executive of ADT and chairman of the education association appointed in September to run the school, said failure was imbedded in its ethos. Mr Painter put the decision down to the poor buildings which would cost £3 million to upgrade, "uncontrolled" behaviour by some of the boys and "weak management and poor teaching".

He said: "Even more serious is our sense that many teachers and boys at the school have come to accept low standards as the norm and thus have low expectations. The factors which have led up to this are now so deeply embedded it would be impossible to overcome them." There were some able and caring teachers but the boys deserved a better education.

Professor Michael Barber, another of the association members, said: "An inspectors' report did note some improvements but we were unable to verify them. We thought they must have started from a very low base indeed if these were improvements."

The association recommended that £1 million be found for Homerton House School, the only other boys' school in Hackney, to enable it to take all 200 Hackney Downs pupils and give them extra teaching time.

Betty Hales, the head teacher, said: "I am very disappointed. The staff have always worked professionally in difficult circumstances. We have not had a period of stability in which we could have proved what we can achieve."

The number of pupils has been falling since the school was earmarked for closure by Gus John, education director of Hackney, in October last year. It was reprieved on a vote of councillors last June. From 480 pupils two years ago, there are about 200 today.

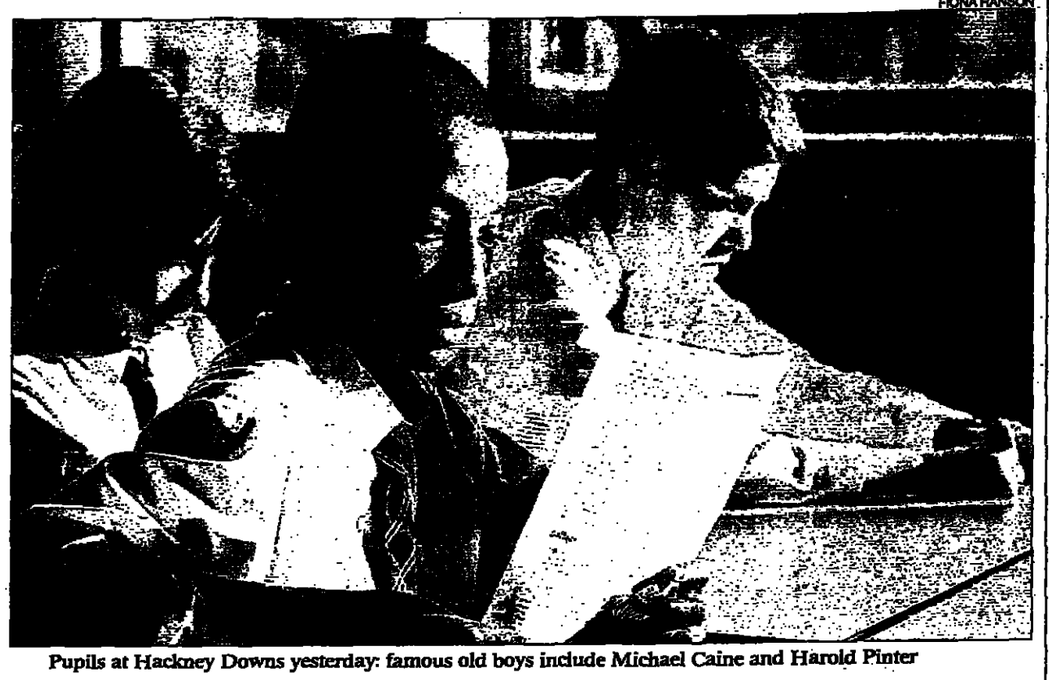
Lesley Douglas, a teacher for 17 years at the school, said: "If we had been given a real chance, this school could have been a centre of excellence."

David Philips, chairman of Hackney's education committee, said the council would not be fighting the decision. "We are very disappointed at the education association's decision to close the school. However this brings to an end three months of uncertainty." Estelle Morris, a Labour education spokeswoman, said: "This decision seems the right one in the circumstances and the least devisive."

Hackney Downs was the first of the more than 90 "failing" schools to have an education association appointed by the Government.

The school was once among the best state schools in London during the Fifties and Sixties. Famous old boys include Michael Caine, Harold Pinter and Stephen Berkoff.

FIONA HANSON



Pupils at Hackney Downs yesterday: famous old boys include Michael Caine and Harold Pinter

Opt-out schools praised for value

GRANT-MAINTAINED schools were praised yesterday for running their finances well and keeping costs down. Eighty schools were examined in a National Audit Office report which praised them for "striving to achieve greater value for money".

Many of the schools had made substantial savings on costs ranging from catering to cleaning and fuel supply. None had serious financial or management problems.

However the NAO said there was a "paucity of longer-term financial forecasting" because the schools failed to link the annual budget into their long-term planning.

Schools were reminded that they should hold a register of governors' and teachers' interests if involved with financial decisions. Applying for building grants has been simplified after criticism from the NAO.

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Maths students 'have not been taught basics'

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MATHEMATICS students cannot cope with university study because they are not learning the basics at school, academics claimed yesterday.

They said that even students with grade A at A level needed remedial training in algebra and trigonometry to cope with degree courses in mathematics, science and engineering. Children of all ages should again learn mathematical processes by heart rather than relying on calculators or spending time on progressive problem-solving, they said.

The London Mathematical Society called for a government inquiry into the "disastrous" state of teaching in the subject. It also proposed a standing committee to rethink the mathematics syllabus for all schoolchildren.

However, the Government said no students had yet arrived at university having followed the whole National Curriculum, which was introduced in 1988. Mathematics and science A levels were already being investigated.

In the long-running debate over teaching methods in schools, the academics criticise "progressive" ideas, such as the emphasis on long-term investigation and problem-solving. Yesterday's report accused the National Curriculum of being "poorly focused."

There was "unprecedented concern" among academics about how poorly prepared undergraduates were in mathematics for science and engineering. "If standards of preparedness decline, so too will the standard of degrees. If our more able students lag behind those in other countries, British graduates will be unable to keep up with developments in their fields. We will then become ever more dependent on other countries for inventions, specialists and products."

University teachers said undergraduates were leaving school unable to do numerical and algebraic calculations or to solve problems requiring more than one step.

Dr Tony Gardner, Reader in Mathmatics at the University of Birmingham and one of the report's contributors, said the curriculum reflected an educational philosophy which said that if some children found a subject hard, it should be made easier for all. He said: "The result is that children don't do algebra or ratios or proofs anymore. When they get to university, it's a bit late to start trying to learn how."

Nick Tate, head of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said there was already more emphasis on algebra for older pupils. "Many of the issues in the report are already on the authority's agenda." But Professor Peter Saunders, Professor of Mathematics at King's College London, said: "You would have to go pretty far to find a mathematician who didn't agree with this report."

Tables fuel exam results disputes

BY DAVID CHARTER

SCHOOLS' anxiety about their examination league table performance is fuelling an increase in disputes over GCSE grades, the independent appeals body said yesterday.

More independent and grammar schools are challenging examination boards for not awarding pupils the top grades predicted by teachers, the Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations said in its annual report.

The authority was asked to arbitrate in twice as many cases as last year but just three of the twelve appeals made by schools on behalf of hundreds of candidates were allowed against examination boards. The vast majority of cases are settled without the need for independent hearings.

A third of the appeals against last summer's grades were by different schools over the same GCSE English literature examination, run by the Midland Examining Group. Many of the problems were attributed to the switch in coursework content from 100 per cent to 30 per cent, and just one of the appeals was allowed.

The report said there had been a shift in recent years to appeals over A and B grades rather than Cs and Ds. It added: "It may be significant that such appeals have been lodged in the main by selective schools, some of them publicity conscious no doubt, but intent also on university application forms and the need to register top GCSE grades."

Dame Elizabeth Anson, the IAASE chairman, said: "The league tables obviously affect things. Some very high-powered schools come in and if everyone has been downgraded two or three grades, it puts the whole school's league table out and that is a matter of concern now."

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Miah: part of a gang bent on revenge, but he did not deliver the fatal blow

Teenager died instantly from single stab wound

Asian given life for racial murder of white schoolboy

BY TIM JONES

AN ASIAN youth was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for his part in the racially motivated murder of a 15-year-old schoolboy.

Badrul Miah, 20, was convicted of murder on a majority verdict although Mrs Justice Steel said she was satisfied the person who inflicted the fatal blow on Richard Everitt had not been brought to justice.

Miah, of Euston, northwest London, had been part of a gang responsible for carrying out violent attacks on white youths. Sentencing him, Mrs Justice Steel said: "A totally innocent boy was cruelly killed for no apparent motive or reason. It was a wicked crime."

The jury was told that Miah had been among a ten-strong Bangladeshi gang who had travelled from Euston to nearby Somers Town, a predominantly white area, with the deliberate intention of causing trouble. The youths were seeking revenge against another white boy they believed had stolen jewellery.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said: "Their mood was such that they were prepared to attack any white youth who came their way and presented an easy target. Their blood was up and any white boy would serve as a target. To that extent it was racist but if their prime target was an Afro Caribbean then any Afro Caribbean would have done."

Richard Everitt, the jury was told, had presented such a target. Although big for his age he was "mild-mannered, harmless, chubby and unathletic". The prosecution claimed the gang encountered Richard and two of his friends shortly after they had attacked another white youth.

While his friends were able to run to safety Richard, who weighed 14 stone, was too slow and could not escape. He was surrounded by the gang and stabbed once in the back, with such force the blade went up to the hilt, seven inches inside his body, causing him to die instantly within yards of his home.



Everitt: to slow to run away from Asian gang

Mr Bevan said a disturbing aspect of the case was the almost total silence the police had encountered when trying to track down the killers. Only two girls, one as young as 13, had the courage to come forward. Other members of the gang may have returned to Bangladesh.

Shawkat Akhbar, 19, another member of the gang, was found guilty of violent disorder and sentenced to three years' youth custody. A third defendant, Abdul Hai, 20, was cleared of Richard's murder on the order of the judge halfway through the trial and was freed.

After the case, Detective Superintendent Derick Dale, who headed the investigation, said if any new evidence came to light then the case would be reviewed and could be reopened. Richard's mother, Mandy, said: "The last 14 months have been a nightmare. We hope now to be able to get on with building up the rest of our lives."

Imran Khan, solicitor for both Miah and Akhbar, said they would be lodging an appeal. "Clearly in this case there is room for doubt. The judge's remarks are quite correct. Badrul Miah is carrying the can."

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£30,000 fine for cattle dealer who flouted BSE rules

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CATTLE dealer was fined £30,000 yesterday for cheating rules introduced to control "mad cow" disease. Exeter Crown Court was told that David King, who is married to the three-day eventer Mary Thompson, had jeopardised the entire beef export industry.

The rules state that British farmers are allowed to export only beef from herds that have been free of bovine spongiform encephalopathy for six years. They were introduced after Germany and France sought to ban British beef because of concern about BSE, and the Ministry of Agriculture fears unilateral action could be taken against Britain by European Union states if the rules are undermined by false declarations.

The court was told that King declared his cattle had been born and bred at his farm in Exminster, Devon. But an authorising vet at an abattoir asked for checks after he became suspicious at the number of animals being sent for slaughter by King.

It was discovered that King had been buying the animals from local markets and had changed their ear tags to back up his lies about their origins.

The prosecution claimed he received an extra £100 per animal for saying they were from BSE-free herds. Martin Meeke, prosecuting for Devon trading standards department, said: "Most of the animals he had bought and sold on were from herds that were not BSE free. But it would be appropriate to make clear that no animal King sold was suffering, or suspected of suffering, from BSE."

King, 42, one of the biggest dealers in west England, admitted six charges of applying false descriptions. Mr Meeke said: "For a few pieces of silver he has betrayed the farming community and put a substantial industry in jeopardy."

Richard Rains, representing King, said: "He knew they were BSE free. This was not a cavalier disregard of the regulations. He has behaved wrongly but he is the victim of politicking." Mr Rains said that officials in the former East Germany had wanted to stop British exports so they could increase their own sales.

Judge Cotterill fined King £5,000 on each of the charges and ordered him to pay £18,500 costs. He told him that the beef export trade could be sustained only if "our Continental friends could be convinced that the beef was BSE free". He said the consequences of an export ban could have "devastating results for cattle dealers in this country".

New law allows courts to seize ill-gotten gains

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A NEW law allowing the courts to confiscate the assets of criminals comes into force today.

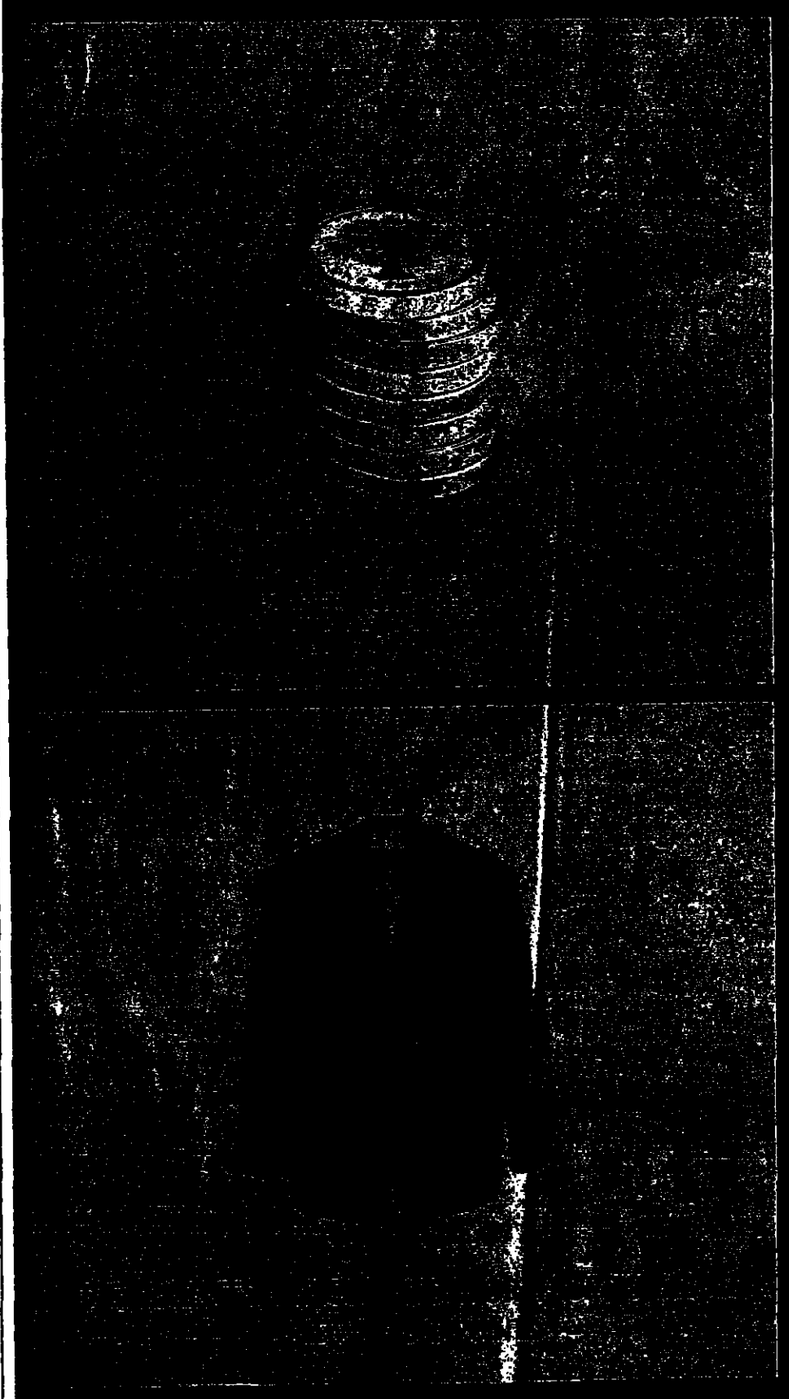
Under the Proceeds of Crime Act, the courts will have the power to strip criminals of all profits from crime up to six years before conviction. If criminals own joint assets with spouses or other partners, the offender's share will be liable for seizure. The measure will also allow police to seek out information from private bank accounts.

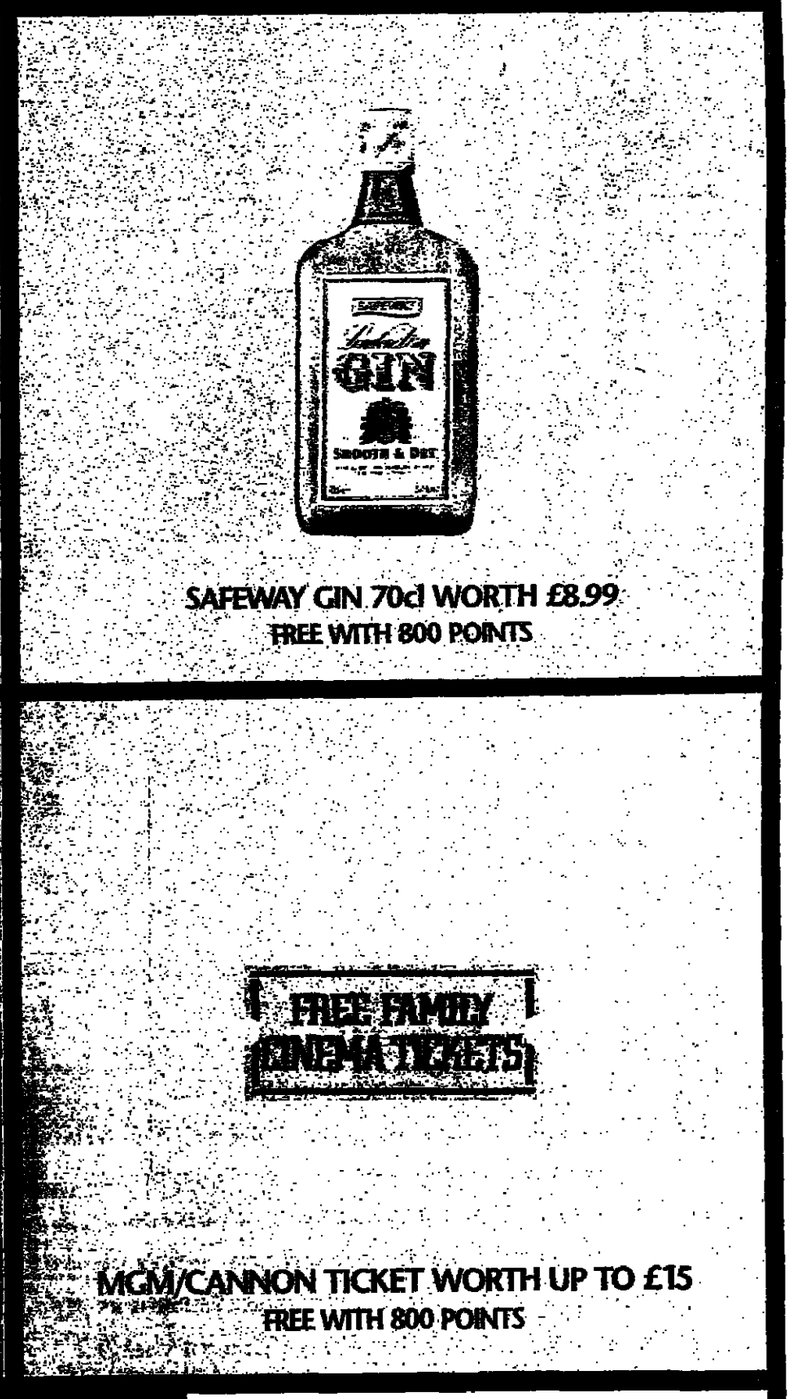
Under the new law, courts will have to confiscate the proceeds of offences where the prosecutor seeks to seize assets. The prosecutor can also apply to the High Court to prevent the dissipation of assets by a defendant even before criminal charges have been laid.

The Crown Court will have discretionary power to make criminals convicted of two offences in current proceedings to account for the origin of all their property. The courts will also have the power to confiscate proceeds that come to light up to six years after conviction.

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Keats: mellow fellow who died young

Keats is revisited in season of mists

BY JOHN YOUNG

DOZENS of bouquets were delivered to Keats House in Hampstead, north London, yesterday to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of England's finest romantic poets, who died aged 25.

The sun beamed benevolently on the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness that John Keats lauded in his *Ode to Autumn*. As darkness fell, the Friends of Keats House and the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association laid wreaths at Westminster Abbey, and afterwards, in the Jerusalem Chamber, there were readings of his works.

Keats House, whose owner Charles Brown invited the young poet to become his guest, is now a museum which attracts 25,000 visitors a year. In the garden, Keats wrote *Ode To a Nightingale*.

Christina Gee, the museum's curator, said the birthday celebrations began on January 20, the eve of St Agnes, and reached their high point in the summer with events around the world.

A Keats exhibition is at the British Library, and on November 16 the museum is staging a dramatised reading of *Life is but a Day*, a compilation of his poems and letters.

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Fears of formaldehyde leak delay appearance of 'very important' piece by Hirst

'Dead cow' exhibit is barred from Tate opening

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE Tate Gallery has excluded an exhibit consisting of bits of dead cow from the opening of its annual Turner Prize show because of fears that a potentially harmful chemical could leak.

Damien Hirst's Mother and Child, Divided, which is made up of four glass tanks each containing half a cow in a solution of formaldehyde, was to have been the centrepiece of the exhibition.

However in an embarrassment for the gallery, visitors will not see Hirst's principal work until next week at the earliest.

Hirst, 30, is one of four artists shortlisted for the £20,000 prize which is to be adjudicated at the end of this month. The other finalists include Mona Hatoum, a Palestinian exile, one of whose exhibits consists of a 12-minute film taken inside her body.

The Tate which held its press preview yesterday, put a brave face on the absence of the Hirst exhibit, which it describes as a "very important" piece.

Sandy Nairne, a director of the gallery, said that both he and Hirst were very upset that it was not yet ready.

Mr Nairne said the work had been in storage in Yorkshire since being shown at the Venice Biennale in the summer of 1993. After inspection by the Tate's technical staff in September it was decided that the glass on the two smaller tanks, which contain two halves of a single carcass of a calf, needed to be strengthened to ensure that formaldehyde solution did not leak.

Mr Nairne denied that there had been major problems in assembling the work and put the failure to meet the deadline for the opening down to a delay in the tanks being sent to the Tate from Yorkshire. But he acknowledged the delay was a blow for the gallery. "The Turner Prize exhibition attracts a massive amount of attention from the pubic and the media, so we are very upset it hasn't worked out."

Mr Nairne also defended the use of dead animals in Hirst's work, something that has enraged animal rights activists whose threatened protest at the gallery yesterday never materialised. He said Hirst had made it clear he was sympathetic to animal rights.

"His work is about how we regard animals, how we regard ourselves as animals and our own mortality. I don't think it's surprising if the works are sometimes things that upset people or cause people to have strong reactions," he said.

The animals used in this particular work were not slaughtered but had died naturally and were not related to each other, he added.

A video of the work of the four artists shown at the exhibition discloses that Hirst who has had problems with formaldehyde leaking from gallery exhibits before, is now working with decaying animal carcasses not immersed in the solution. He is seen on the video saying: "You can get really fabulous visual effects, but the smell puts you off."

In addition to Hatoum and Hirst, the other shortlisted artists are Callum Innes, who is showing a selection of abstract paintings, and Mark Wallinger, whose display includes video, photography, sculpture and painting.

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SIMON WALKER



Part of Mark Wallinger's entry for the Turner Prize at the Tate. The other finalists are Damien Hirst, Mona Hatoum and Callum Innes

I'm sorry pensioners have suffered, Kevin Maxwell tells court

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

KEVIN MAXWELL spoke of his regret yesterday over the plight of company pensioners he is accused of defrauding before the collapse of his late father's business empire in 1991.

The youngest son of Robert Maxwell told a jury that he also regretted that neither he nor boardroom colleagues had stood up to the him. But it was his feelings for his father, as well as their business relationship and the creed of loyalty that he had learned, which made him continue to work with the tycoon.

Mr Maxwell, 36, who has been made bankrupt with debts of £400 million, was concluding his evidence in chief at his trial on two charges of conspiracy to defraud Maxwell Group pensioners.

His greatest regret, he said, was failing to save the empire from collapse after his father drowned in the Atlantic in November 1991. The business crash came, he told the court, when banks withdrew their support even though a Middle Eastern entrepreneur was arranging a £400 million support plan.

Mr Maxwell, who was answering questions from his counsel, Alun Jones, QC, on his twelfth day in the witness box, said: "Our motivation was not, to put it crudely, to sit down and conspire to defraud the pensioners with my father and others. It was to save the group, it was to maintain the value of the assets and to meet the obligations. No sane person would want to be at the Central Criminal Court on trial for conspiracy to defraud pensioners."

There must have been a time when he could and should have abandoned ship and left his father and the group, but, "if I am being honest, I don't think I had the ability to leave him".

He said the seeds of the collapse were sown in 1990 by his father's decision to use Maxwell Group assets to support Maxwell Communication Corporation, which was having financial difficulties. Kevin believed the corporation should sort out its own problems and said "I regret I did not have the stature or experience or ability to persuade him" to change his mind.

Mr Maxwell said he lost control of MCC and Mirror Group Newspapers and resigned from the MCC board after pressure from other directors, and administrators were called in.

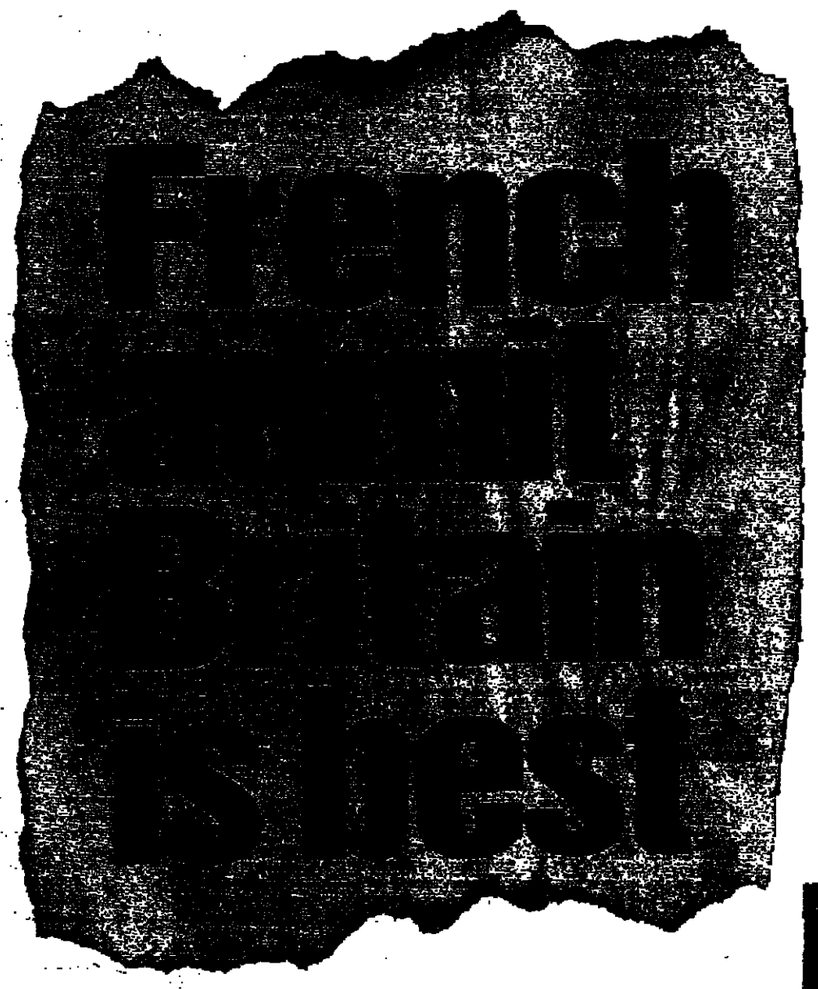
He regretted the consequences for the pensioners who were deprived of their income or feared that they would be, and also for the group's employees, and for the "suffering and anxiety they should not have had to endure".

The defendant said he was not trying to compare his own losses to those of the pensioners as, by comparison, his bankruptcy paled. Kevin Maxwell denies conspiring with his father to defraud pension funds of 5.4 million shares worth £100 million in the Israeli-owned Scitex Corporation. With his brother Ian, 39, and the former Maxwell financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg, 42, he also denies conspiracy to defraud by misusing shares in Teva Pharmaceutical Industries worth £22 million.

Mr Maxwell faces cross-examination by counsel for the two other defendants and by the Crown. The jury was told yesterday by Mr Justice Phillips that it was hoped the trial would finish by Christmas. It resumes today.



Maxwell: regretted he did not challenge father



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Charity to fight child-sex danger

BY IAN MURRAY

EXTRA controls are needed to save thousands of children from abuse by paedophiles, a new charity said yesterday.

Action on Child Exploitation, backed by social workers, doctors, lawyers and politicians, claims that the number of paedophiles in Britain is far higher than the official figure of 4,000, and each is likely to abuse up to 100 children.

The chairman of the charity, David Niven, also head of the British Association of Social Workers, said improved vetting procedures were urgently needed for all adults in charge of young children. He called for a register of all convicted paedophiles, who would have to notify the authorities of any change of employment or address.

Better links were needed between Customs officers and social workers, to help to identify children on seized videos.

Homosexuality 'inherited from mothers'

'Gay gene' research revives dispute over sexual orientation

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FRESH evidence that homosexuality is in the genes seems certain to revive dispute over a claim first made two years ago.

The research supports the theory that homosexuality is inherited by men from their mothers through a gene on the X chromosome, but is unlikely to convince rival teams who have failed to find the same gene in gay men.

Dr Dean Hamer, of the US National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, who made the original claims, is one of the authors of the latest research, published in *Nature Genetics*. "Our result says that genes are involved in male sexual orientation, although they certainly do not determine a person's sexual orientation," he said. "There probably are other biological factors like hormones, for example, and other variables we simply don't know anything about yet."

Dr Hamer and colleagues from the University of Colorado and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts, examined 32 pairs of exclusively or mostly gay brothers and found that 22 pairs — two thirds — shared the same region on the X chromosome, known as Xq28, identified in Dr Hamer's original study.

The team found that heterosexual brothers in nine out of eleven families containing two gay brothers did not share the same gene.

The genetic marker was not shown in lesbian women, nor was it found in all homosexual men. The proportion in which it was found, 66 per cent, was lower than in Dr Hamer's original study, where 82 per cent of homosexual men were said to carry the marker.

That study is being investigated by the Office of Research Integrity of the US health department after one of Dr Hamer's colleagues complained of the way the data were selected.

Dr Hamer's original findings have also been challenged by a team from the University of Western Ontario, led by Dr George Ebers. They examined 50 pairs of homosexual Canadian brothers and found exactly half had the Xq28 marker, precisely the proportion that would be expected by chance.

Dr Ebers says: "There's no support for the idea that anything on the X chromosome is disposing you to homosexuality."

Dr Hamer first focused attention on the X chromosome after finding that the homosexual men he studied tended to have more gay cousins and uncles on their mother's side of the family than on their father's. That suggested the trait was inherited through the maternal line, meaning the X chromosome, which men always receive from their mothers, was the likeliest place to look. But Dr Ebers has found no such disproportion in his families.



Hamer: his work has failed to convince rivals

He suggests that Dr Hamer was misled by the fact that women are a richer source of information about family history than men, tending to be much better-informed about members of the family. This would bias any information about sexuality they provided.

The argument has been followed much more widely than most scientific differences because Dr Hamer's original findings were taken up by gay groups as evidence that their sexual orientation is ordained, not a matter of choice.

Dr Hamer told *Science* that he doubted there would be a fuss "if we were working on any topic other than homosexuality".

Man's best friend, but only after a good bath

MEDICAL BRIEFING

THE best-groomed doctors' dogs are probably those belonging to staff at Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester. *Pulse* magazine reports that at the North-West Lung Centre at the hospital, research workers have been vacuuming, clipping, brushing and washing 25 different dogs, and comparing their potential to cause an attack of asthma. Whatever the type of dog, regular washing significantly reduced the amount of allergen shed from its coat.

Regular washing is particularly important in poodles and spaniels: poodles have a tendency to suffer from a dry skin and because the flakes of shed skin are potent allergens this breed is particularly likely to cause an attack of asthma in a vulnerable person. Likewise, the allergen levels of clippings from spaniels' coats is higher than in other breeds but these, too, are greatly reduced by regular bathing.

Now that the present high levels of air pollution have officially been cleared by the Health Department of being responsible for the dramatic increase in the number of cases of asthma over the past 30 years, the search is on for other possible causes. The government report does, however, make it clear that although asthma may not be caused by air pollution an attack can be triggered in about 5 per cent of those who already suffer from the condition.

Just as the entrenched view that asthma can be caused by air pollution will be heard to shift, so will people be reluctant to abandon another shibboleth — that feather pillows are frequently responsible for attacks of asthma. The *British Medical Journal* reports that, contrary to expectations, non-feather pillows filled with synthetic material are much more likely than natural feather pillows to cause trouble.

This study at St George's Hospital, London, compared the frequency of attacks in 1,500 patients between the ages of 11 and 16. Those who had old-fashioned feather pillows, eiderdowns or duvets were only one third as likely to spend a wheezy night as those children covered by, or who lay upon, synthetic bedding. The doctors suggested that a possible explanation was that chemicals released from modern bedding might make the lining of the respiratory tract more sensitive to allergens.

The Manchester workers have not analysed only dogs' dandruff but have also investigated mattresses. Within four months of buying a mattress it has become home to enough house mites to induce an attack of asthma in a sensitive person; changing the mattress frequently enough to keep the mites at bay would therefore be an impossibly expensive task. The authors suggest that mattresses be covered with mite-proof material which should be washed weekly.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

'Human hens' paid £1,000 to donate eggs

JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN are being paid up to £1,000 each to donate eggs for use by a Harley Street clinic in test-tube baby treatment.

The "human hens", many of whom are single mothers, provide eggs that are implanted in patients at the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre for a fee of £4,000.

Fertility experts have criticised the arrangement. Under the law, licensed clinics are permitted to pay egg donors only up to £15 plus expenses or to offer them free treatment.

The Harley Street centre, run by Professor Ian Craft, uses a legal loophole by referring patients to an agency that recruits donors. Third-party agencies are not governed by the same rules as licensed clinics.

The Hope agency, run by Katherine Bristow from her home in Cornwall, claims to have 80 donors on its list from all over Britain. They travel to Professor Craft's clinic where their eggs are removed for fertilisation. Were he to pay for the eggs himself he could face up to six months in jail.

The payments are disclosed tonight on BBC1's *Here and Now*. In the programme, Professor Robert Winston, head of the in-vitro fertilisation programme at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, expresses shock at evidence of big payments for eggs. Ruth Deech, head of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, says the authority would want to examine Professor Craft's arrangements.

Posing as a potential client of Professor Craft's clinic, a reporter for *Here and Now* was told she could wait years for an egg donor. The clinic nurse said the way to "speed that up" was to contact the Hope agency.

The agency produces a league table of its donors, showing how many eggs each has donated, illustrated with pictures of hens. Donors are required to take a course of drugs to stimulate ovulation and have the eggs removed under general anaesthetic.

In the table of success rates published last month by the human fertilisation authority, Professor Craft's clinic was among the poorer performers with an adjusted live birth rate of 10.1 per cent compared with an average of 14.1 per cent and a top rate of 23.3 per cent.



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Tories can blame themselves for anxiety over outside earnings

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Many Tory MPs are in a state of high anxiety about the Nolan inquiry's proposals on members' outside interests — but they have only themselves to blame. They have allowed a situation to arise in which the pay of backbenchers, and even more of ministers, has fallen well behind the growth in earnings: and a permissive attitude has therefore developed towards the mushrooming of consultancies. The consequent dubious practices are at last being addressed in the streamlining of the monitoring and disciplinary procedures of the Commons, approved in July, and in the fiercely contested proposals on outside interests considered by the Select Committee on Standards in Public life.

But the defensive action fought by Tory MPs against the disclosure of such business interests is obviously in part self-interested because of worries about loss of earnings. These fears are exaggerated since the Nolan proposals are about income earned from consultancies related to Parliament and do not cover separate business or professional interests. It is hard to argue against constituents knowing what their MPs earn as a direct result of being in the Commons. Whichever way the Commons votes in the short term, the protesting Tories look like being on the losing side eventually. Either they declare their interests, and have to give up some, or disclosure will become a powerful election issue. Some of the claims by angry Tories — about 100 MPs retiring and undermining the sovereignty of Parliament — are nonsense.

But there are genuine worries that current pay levels are putting off potential good recruits to the Commons, and hence to Government, as Sir Terence Higgins, the veteran Tory MP and ex-minister, highlighted in *The Times* last Thursday. The pay of backbenchers and of ministers is too low by comparison not just with the private sector but also with top public sector posts. Of course, public service has its own intangible rewards, not least to the ego. But MPs' salaries are insufficient to attract the sort of energetic, highly motivated people who have stood in the past. They can often earn more in their mid-20s than the £33,000-odd a backbencher receives, and by their 30s can earn more than most ministers get.

The really politically committed will not be deterred by low pay. There is a danger that the Commons will increasingly be filled by career politicians, those who have spent their whole lives in the political world as researchers and consultants. But people with outside experience will be reluctant to stand, and to suffer a big cut in income, penalising their families at a time of maximum expense. Moreover, a growing number of former ministers are departing from the Commons at the election after they have left office rather than staying on for one, two or more terms as was previously common. This not only reflects the shrewd expectation that they will not receive office again but also a desire to earn some money while they are still young enough.

This is emphatically not an argument against the Nolan approach. It is wrong for MPs to benefit financially from their privileged position as MPs, especially in a murky and secret way. But these measures will be lopsided unless the Commons deals with pay. Sir Terence has argued that the pay of backbenchers needs to be doubled and that of ministers trebled to get back to the position relative to average earnings of 30 years ago. Both front benches have been timid because of fears of a populist backlash stirred by rent-a-quote MPs and ignorant tabloid campaigns. It is unfortunate that the Nolan committee did not stretch its remit to include pay, as some of its members privately accept. John Major should either refer the issue to Nolan or set up cross-party talks. At present, he faces the risk of either lingering Tory resentment or vulnerability to Labour attacks.

PETER RIDDELL

Peers accused of abusing their position for profit

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE accusations of political sleaze spread from the Commons to the Lords yesterday when several peers were said to have abused their position to pursue their financial interests.

Lord Carnarvon, the Queen's racing manager, was among hereditary and life peers alleged to have omitted to declare their outside interests to the House during relevant debates.

The Channel Four programme *Dispatches*, screened tonight, reports increasing numbers of lobbying companies paying annual retainers to peers to table questions and amendments. The programme accuses landowners of intervening in debates without stating how they might benefit, and other peers of making profits out of organising dinners for companies that want to entertain in the Palace of Westminster.

The allegations arise as peers vote today on whether there should be a register of members' interests in the Lords and whether they should continue to be allowed to be paid consultants for outside organisations.

The ancient convention is that personal honour alone should regulate the conduct of peers. They are expected to mention an interest but they are unaccountable to voters and there are few sanctions available to punish transgressors as there is no party whip to remove. A sub-committee was set up last year, under the chairmanship of Lord Griffiths, to examine whether after recent allegations of sleaze the regulations should be tightened.

Lord Carnarvon is accused of initiating a debate on why plans for the Newbury bypass had been held up, without mentioning that some of his family land runs alongside the proposed route. The programme says that if the Government approved the bypass — which it eventually did — Lord Carnarvon's family would be in a position to make a substantial profit from the building of petrol stations and business parks.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, a Tory hereditary peer, proposed 56 amendments to the Environment Bill all aimed at reducing the weight of controls on the waste disposal industry. He declared an interest but he did not have to disclose that he was paid an annual retainer of £5,000 by the Association of Waste Disposal Contractors.

Lord Wade of Chorlton, a Tory peer, also took an interest in waste disposal but although he joked he was a cheesemaker he failed to declare his interest as chairman of Politics International, which has the Energy from Waste Association as a client. Lord Wade was paid £17,000 by Politics International, although he resigned the position this year.

Lord Monkswell, a Labour hereditary peer, lives on his expenses for attending the Lords, known as being "on the social". The Association of PR Consultants told him that he could also get anything from £5,000 upwards if he was prepared to be a "meeter and greeter", host events, network for the company, speak on the floor and be prepared to table amendments. He declined.

Lord Mcintosh, a member of the Griffiths committee and Labour's deputy leader in the Lords, said that widespread payments were eating away at the credibility of the Lords. "The rules at present are so vague that unless you almost hand over an envelope with used pound notes you are not actually doing anything wrong."



Peers are also accused of making money out of the main dining room, the Cholmondley room, by charging for bookings. Leigh Mendelson, a public relations consultant, said: "One peer offered me a half-price booking of a hospitality room for £1,000."

Peers have not yet seen the *Dispatches* programme but many were furious on reading some of the transcript. Most Tory peers refused to appear on the programme and were reluctant to speak on the record but pointed out that they know each other's interests anyway. "Everyone knows my family have lived here for 600 years. Why should I need to declare it," one peer said.

Ombudsman for MPs' standards to earn £72,000

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs have been forced to raise the salary of the new Commons standards ombudsman to £72,000 after being turned down because they were not offering enough.

Sir Gordon Downey, a career civil servant and a former City regulator, has been appointed as Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards to supervise MPs' financial interests and set ethical standards.

His salary, for a four-day week, is higher than suggested by senior MPs who recommended his appointment. The Nolan committee, which proposed the appointment of an ombudsman, suggested a salary matching that of judges (£72,000 to £98,000).

MPs on the House of Commons Commission, responsible for recommending a candidate to Betty Boothroyd, the Commons Speaker, feared that such a salary would anger MPs being paid only £33,189. But they had to scrap plans for a lower salary when the first choice rejected the prospect of doing the job for less than £90,000.

Sir Gordon, 67, a former Comptroller and Auditor General, will start on November 15. He will monitor the register of MPs' interests, advise MPs and provide induction courses in "conduct, propriety and ethics" to new MPs. He will also be in charge of initial investigations into complaints against MPs and claims that they have breached the code of conduct.


Downey: will monitor financial interests

Sir Gordon, a Treasury civil servant for 26 years, became deputy head of the Central Policy Review Staff for three years. He later became the Comptroller and Auditor General, taking the National Audit Office through a period in which it greatly expanded its investigation of government departments.

In 1990, he became chairman of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) before moving in 1993 to chair the Personal Investment Authority for one year.

Job rules for ministers attacked

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Government was accused yesterday of retreating from Lord Nolan's recommended restrictions on former ministers moving to the private sector.

The Nolan committee said that former ministers should follow rules that require senior Whitehall officials to seek the Prime Minister's approval before taking a job within two years of leaving the Civil Service. Although Whitehall rules dictate that civil servants "must seek approval" from the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, the new government guidelines suggest only that former ministers "may ask the advisory committee" about appointments.

Labour demanded that the Government withdraw its guidelines, which were published in an attempt to counter concerns that former ministers were using contacts made while in office to smooth their path into well-paid jobs. The changes were drafted after controversy over the private-sector appointments of former Cabinet ministers including John MacGregor and Norman Lamont. But Labour said the loophole amounted to "a fundamental retreat" from the Nolan recommendations.

Derek Foster, Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, told a Westminster press conference that the difference in wording meant that former ministers were under no obligation to consult the committee.

"The guidelines as drafted suggest the Government is trying to escape from its undertakings on Nolan in an area of particular sensitivity," he said. "This latest attempt to avoid implementation of Nolan adds to an impression of a Government desperate to avoid implementing measures which the public rightly expect and demand. This looks like yet another case of ministers caving in to special interests."

Leasehold reform pledged

LABOUR has promised to change the law relating to leaseholders, which it condemns as "throwback to feudalism" (James Landale writes).

In the first of a series of policy proposals on housing, Labour announced measures yesterday that would give leaseholders greater freedom to buy their properties outright and greater safeguards against exploitation.

Nick Raynsford, Shadow Housing Minister, said leaseholders had been betrayed by the Tories, who had promised greater protection. The Government had dragged its feet over reform of laws that were biased towards landowners.

Labour proposes a new form of tenure called commonhold. People living in flats would be able to own their own home individually and also own the whole block of flats collectively with the other occupants. The new tenure would apply to new tenancies and those where leaseholders wanted to change their status.

Mr Raynsford said: "The Tories promised to introduce commonhold at the last election, but despite repeated calls for action, they have failed even to publish a Bill setting out the basis for its introduction."

Labour promised to simplify the rules enabling leaseholders to buy a freehold, succeeding where recent legislation had failed. Leaseholders would be able to run estates if a majority wanted to.

Mr Raynsford said leasehold was a throwback to feudalism. "Britain is almost alone in retaining this archaic form of tenure. The case for reform to give effective rights to leaseholders is long overdue."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister. Debates on the Disability Discrimination Bill, Lords amendments; Proceeds of Crime (Scotland) Bill, all stages; the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Criminal Procedure (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, all stages; Statute Law (Repeals) Bill, all stages; Law Reform (Succession) Bill, remaining stages; Private International Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, remaining stages; Civil Evidence Bill, remaining stages. In the Lords: Criminal Injuries Compensation Bill, report; Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, committee.

TODAY in the Commons: morning debates on private security industry; manufacturing industry; proposed motorway service area at Iver; firework safety; betting tax and horse racing. From 2.30pm, questions to trade and industry ministers; debates on Gas Bill, Lords amendments; and motion to carry over Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill to next session of Parliament. In the Lords: Procedure Committee and Declaration and Registration of Interests, sub-committee reports; Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, third reading.

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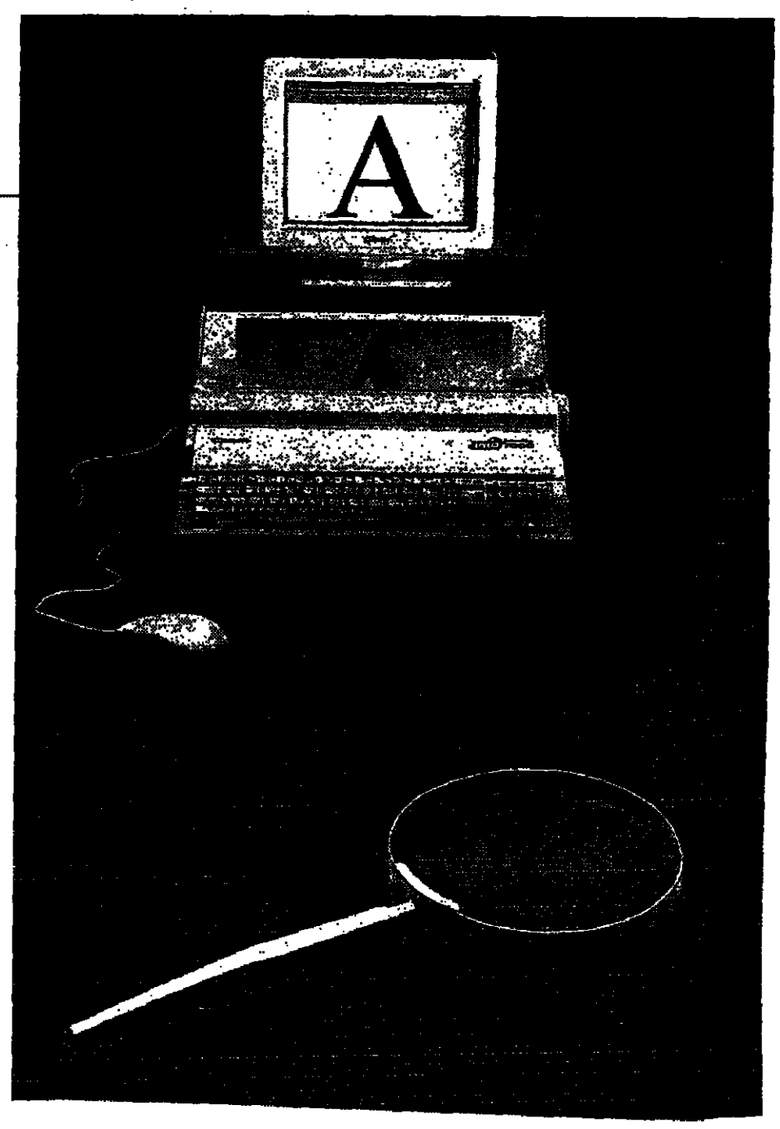
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At 65, the brawler who sang *Camelot* tilts at the younger knights of British theatre

Save us from passionless actors, says rebel Harris

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A LAMENT for a lost sense of passion and danger among actors was sounded yesterday by Richard Harris. The irascible Irish actor blamed falling standards on drama schools, screen work and an "undaring" generation of stars.

The fiery performer, who has made the headlines over the years with on-set brawls, singled out Sir Ian McKellen and Sir Derek Jacobi for leading "passionless lives". Although he sensed a return to old ways among some young actors, voice training was sometimes not good enough to show real feeling, he claimed.

Harris, 65, whose latest film, *Cry, The Beloved Country*, has its London premiere this weekend, said that his own generation of actors, including Peter O'Toole, Alan Bates and Albert Finney, had "a great emotional commitment" that showed in their performances.

"There was a danger and intimidation about their acting," he said.



Knighted thespians Jacobi, left, and McKellen. "They led passionless, undaring lives," Harris said

"Then there was a phase with McKellen and Jacobi. Passionless. They led passionless, undaring lives."

There were also film stars such as Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Warren Beatty, who were "not really actors". He now senses sparks of passion returning in younger talents such as Mark Rylance, artistic director of the Globe playhouse, Ralph Fiennes, from *Schindler's List*, and Daniel Day-Lewis, whose films include *My Left Foot*.

"The new generation, like Rylance, Lewis and Fiennes, seems to have a commitment and a passion. A danger and not the softness." But he expressed disappointment that tomorrow's actors were not being taught the art of voice projection.

He compared his days at drama school, when students did two hours of "voice" each day, with today's training: his son's drama training includes just two hours once a week. "You see that when you go to the theatre. Finney and O'Toole have a wonderful voice. The younger actors choke when they have to reach certain emotions."

He exercises his voice every day, "every single day": the voice, he explained, "is your violin or cello: you have to practise it". Fiennes was "a wonderful young actor", he said.

"He has control of his voice but in the high registers, seemed to choke a little."

Television and cinema, which do not require voice projection, are to blame for falling standards, suggested Harris, whose film credits include *Camelot* and *Mutiny of the Bounty*. His comments come just weeks after he made an attack on Michael Caine, rushing to the defence of Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole, whom Caine had described as drunks.



Richard Harris with James Earl Jones in *Cry, the Beloved Country*. To understand oppression, Harris "dug" into stories about the British in Ireland

The London Film Festival is hosting the British premiere of *Cry, The Beloved Country*, based on Alan Paton's 1940s novel and described as the first major film to come out of South Africa since the fall of Apartheid. Harris met Nelson Mandela, the South African president, at the New York premiere: "He found it a true representation of South Africa at the time. He loved it but found it very painful to watch. He said it is accurate."

Harris insisted that his character should not be the overt racist of the original but take the unquestioning view that blacks "live over *there* and we live *this* side".

Trying to understand oppression, he said he "dug" into himself and stories passed down by his family about the British in Ireland.

Preachers line up for award

By Ruth Gledhill

THE final of the Preacher of the Year contest, organised by the College of Preachers and sponsored by *The Times*, takes place in London today. Six finalists will preach before a panel that includes John Gummer, the Environment Secretary and former General Synod member, and the broadcaster Sir Ludovic Kennedy.

Admission to the event, at 2pm at St Pancras Church, Euston Road, is free. The finalists are Dr Alison Fry, who is training for the ministry at Durham; Dr Edmund Marshall, of Wakefield, a Methodist preacher; the Rev Barry Overend, of Leeds; Gill Dascombe, of Stockport, Cheshire, a Methodist lay preacher; the Rev Dr Richard Major, assistant curate of Truro Cathedral; and Canon Jeremy Davies, precentor of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Times Book of Best Sermons (Cassell, £9.99) will be on sale.

Chemist and GP jailed for £1m fraud

By Catherine Milton

A DOCTOR and a chemist who defrauded the National Health Service of £1 million in bogus prescriptions were jailed yesterday. The pair spent the cash on private school fees, cars and business ventures. Prescription fraud is thought to cost the NHS £30 million a year.

Timothy Whitefield, 49, a GP, was sentenced to three years by Leeds Crown Court, and Bryan Samson, 53, to two. Judge Norman Jones told them: "Both of you have let your professions down and disgracefully so. These actions were motivated entirely by greed ... you treated the NHS as a milch cow."

The court was told that Whitefield, who practised in Armley, Leeds, wrote out thousands of fake prescriptions for Samson, who never dispensed the drugs. The chemist, whose pharmacy was near the doctor's surgery, claimed back cash for the medicine from the Leeds Family Health Service Authority. He paid a third in tax and split the rest with Whitefield.

The pair spent the money on high living. Samson had a £20,000 Jaguar, Range Rover and a Suzuki 4x4 and often gambled £1,000 a week on casino tables. He bought shops in and around Leeds and a pharmacy in York, paying out £710,000.

He was also a member of the Variety Club of Great Britain and made regular trips to London, staying at expensive hotels.

Whitefield, who retired in 1990, sent his three children to private school, had a Volvo with personalised number plates and paid £54,000 cash into his bank.

Suspicion of fraud was aroused by the massive number of forms being processed at the surgery where Whitefield worked — almost three times the national average.

A government clampdown on such frauds has resulted in a new-style prescription.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Checks on faulty gas appliances

A nationwide campaign was launched yesterday to prevent deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by badly installed and poorly maintained gas appliances. Backed by the Health and Safety Commission, it will also emphasise the new legal right of tenants to ask landlords for evidence that a safety check has been made.

Powers libel win

The actress Stefanie Powers, 52, accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages and an apology at the High Court over allegations that she had sexually harassed a former employee. The claims were made in the *Daily Mail*.

Car ban for actor

Simon Gregson, who appears in *Coronation Street*, was banned from driving for six months by Trafford magistrates. Gregson, 21, was stopped on the M56 in Greater Manchester in May after speeding at up to 122mph.

Lottery loser

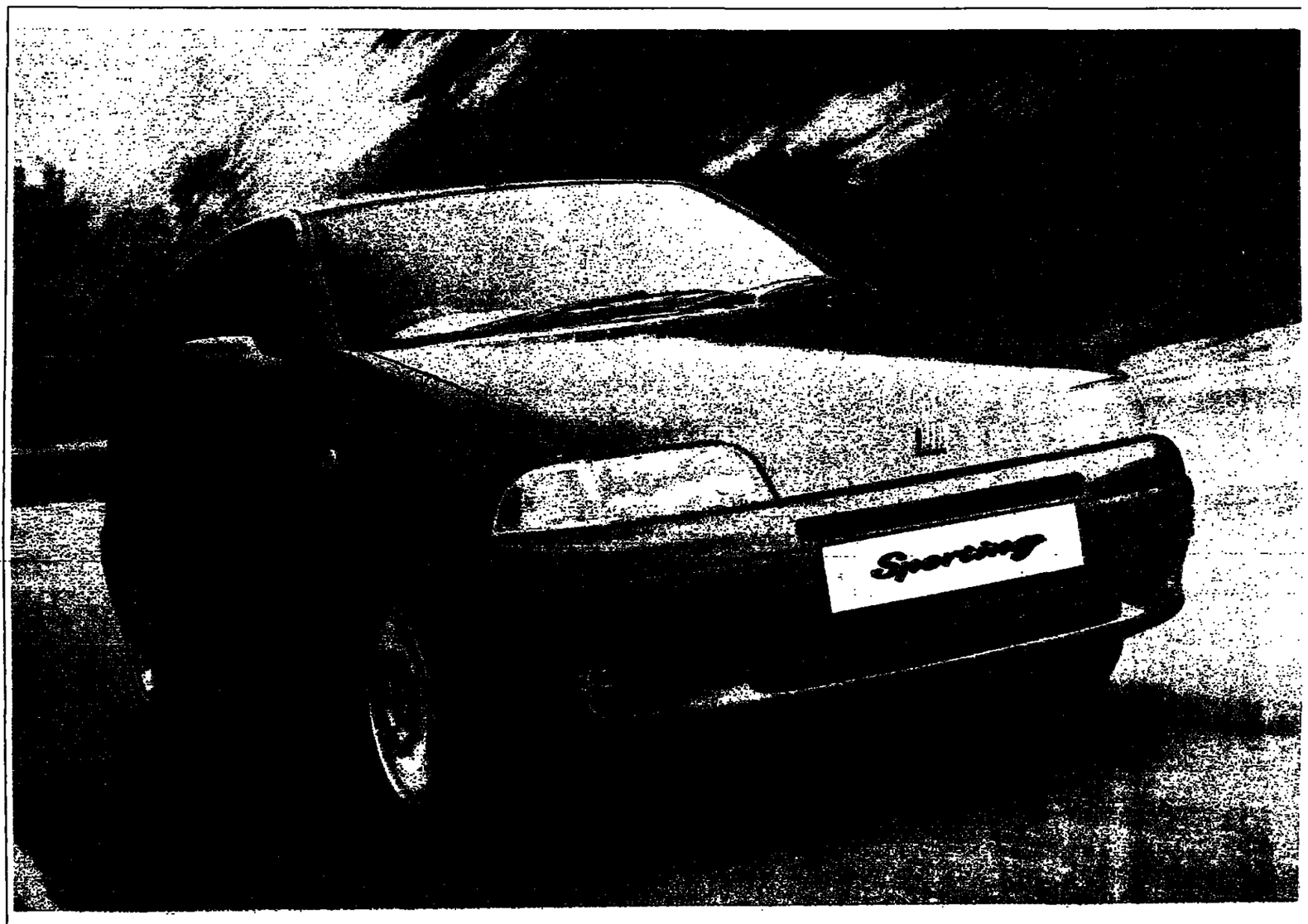
A man who used part of his £1,900 lottery win on drugs was jailed for 18 months yesterday. Mark Loy, 31, of Edinburgh, admitted possessing amphetamine for his own use and cannabis and Ecstasy with intent to supply.

Cool reception

Water sprinklers have been installed to deter passengers at Victoria coach station, London, from taking a dangerous short cut. Anyone who wants to cross the vehicle entrance will have to walk through walls of icy water.

Talking shelters

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Congress fires new warning shot over US troops in Bosnia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON



Gingrich: refused to delay the vote

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday struggled to minimise damage to the Bosnian peace talks — due to open this morning — after a resounding congressional warning that negotiators should not count on American troops to secure a settlement.

Mr Clinton called a White House press conference to insist that up to 25,000 US troops would be deployed: "Our conscience as a nation devoted to freedom and tolerance demands it. There is no substitute for American leadership."

But Monday night's vote in the House of Representatives amounted to a stunning rejection of the very idea of risking American lives in the Balkans.

The congressmen voted 315-103 for a resolution warning the President he should not send, or even pledge, troops without congressional approval. The resolution was supported by 93 Democrats and all but two Republicans. Many Democrats opposed it only because they were reluctant to undermine the peace talks in Dayton, Ohio.

With memories of military failures in Vietnam and Somalia still vivid, speaker after speaker called the proposed deployment premature, ill-conceived and dangerous. One Republican called Bosnia "Afghanistan with trees".

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, ignored repeated Administration warnings that the resolution could seriously undermine the peace talks and refused a personal appeal from Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to delay the vote. He called it "an effort to say to the President: Don't believe you can manipulate us into having to say yes because you give your word in secret without having first educated the American people".

Mr Clinton argued that America's failure to help to enforce any settlement would cause its Nato allies to reconsider their own commitments to Bosnia, undermine the alliance and jeopardise a hard-won peace that would end the worst atrocities Europe had witnessed since the Second World War. If the war reignited, it could spread and spark "the kind of conflict that has drawn Americans into two larger wars this century".

He promised to seek a congressional "expression of support" for deploying troops. He insisted American troops would be under Nato command, have a clear mission and rules of engagement and would "not be asked to keep a peace that can't be kept". He called the talks between the Bosnian, Serb and Croatian Presidents opening today the "best chance we've had for peace since the war began" and "maybe the last chance we have for a very long time".

☐ **Impossible task:** The lightly armed United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina had no chance of saving the UN "safe area" of Srebrenica from being overrun by the Serbs in July, Yasushi Akashi, the outgoing peace envoy, said. It was an "impossible mission", he added, and the designation of safe area was a "misnomer".

Delegates braced for boot-camp life

FROM IAN BRODIE IN DAYTON, OHIO

SERBIA'S President groaned when he heard that the Bosnian peace talks would be held at a US Air Force base outside Dayton, Ohio, in the American heartland. "I'm not a priest, you know," blurted Slobodan Milosevic, whose tastes run to Italian cigarillos and neat whisky.

The setting for the talks, if not monastic, is certainly austere. The sense of isolation, bordering on incarceration, was increased yesterday by the construction of a high chain-link fence around the so-called Peace Complex.

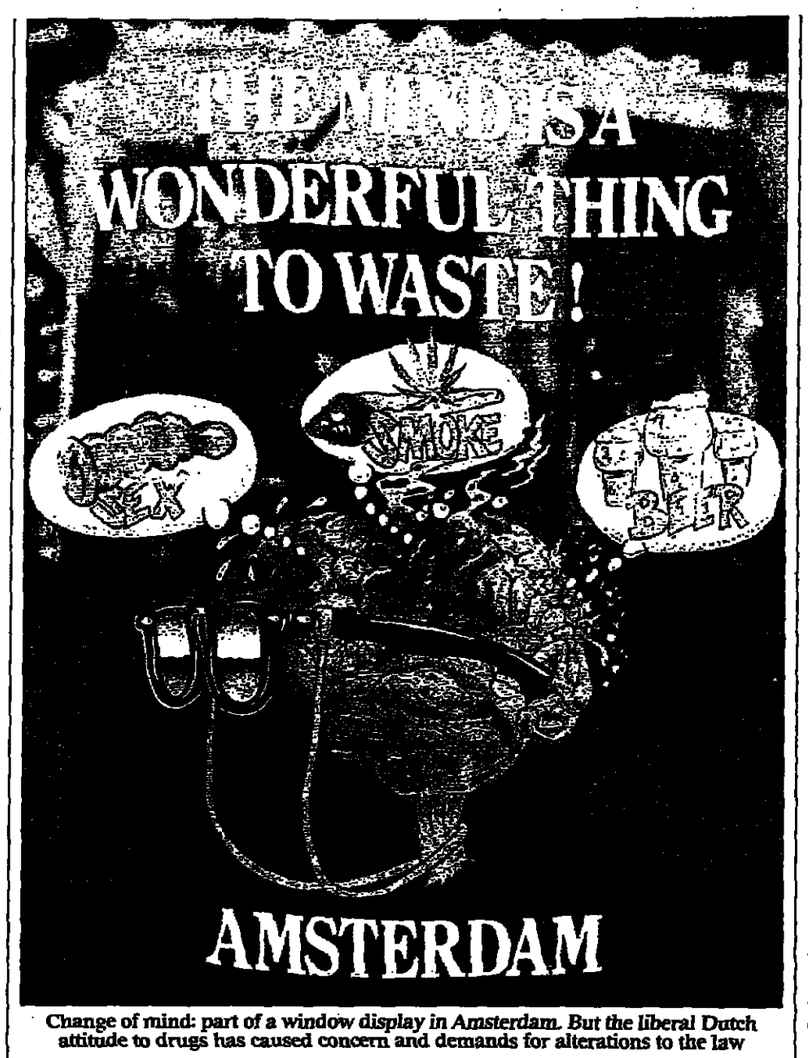
Housing will be in five identical red-brick barracks with private rooms. Three blocks are for the delegations from Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, led by Presidents Milosevic, Izetbegovic and Tudjman. The other two are for negotiators. Somebody called it boot-camp diplomacy.

Less than a quarter of a mile away stands the Hope Hotel which could be on the edge of any small American town. Inside is the conference room where Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, will host the opening.

Booths for simultaneous translations give an idea of the sensitivities to be overcome. In addition to English, French and Russian, there is one with a sign saying Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. With the break-up of Yugoslavia, each group now insists it has a distinct language. A map room offers more evidence of the struggles ahead.

Officially, the negotiations are called Proximity Peace Talks. The agenda seeks an agreement giving Bosnia a constitution, elections, a collective presidency, separation of forces, return of refugees and division of territory: 51 per cent for Muslims, 49 per cent for Serbs. Richard Holbrooke, Assistant US Secretary of State, describes Dayton as the "last best hope" for peace.

Dayton is considered so average middle America that it is frequently chosen to test new grocery lines. Today, peace in Bosnia gets a tryout.



Change of mind: part of a window display in Amsterdam. But the liberal Dutch attitude to drugs has caused concern and demands for alterations to the law

'Drug-friendly' nations switch to crackdowns to cut crime

BY STEWART TENDLER AND OLIVER AUGUST

A NUMBER of countries which once had high hopes of a liberal soft drugs policy are having second thoughts and planning tougher measures, at a time when Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, has made outspoken remarks about the legalisation of cannabis in Britain.

In the United States, federal law has been increasingly tightened in recent years. Yesterday President Clinton signed a Bill setting out fresh penalties for possession and sale of crack cocaine. In Spain, there is also new debate about toughening the law as the country grapples with a burgeoning drug problem fuelled by South American cocaine and Moroccan cannabis. But many countries, although signatories to international conventions banning drugs, have yet to define their position, faced with evidence of growing internal use of drugs.

If they are looking for a lead it may come from The Netherlands. The most radical reversals are being considered in The Hague, where the Dutch Government last month issued a discussion paper. The pressure for change has been generated by the anxiety of neighbouring countries about the rise of The Netherlands as a drug warehouse supplying the rest of Europe. Within The Netherlands, the appearance of foreign addicts and "drug tourists" looking for supplies has caused concern.

The new policy document suggests that the 4,000 coffee shops allowed to sell small amounts of cannabis should be cut by up to half. The amount of cannabis sold to an individual will also be cut. Foreign drug addicts and drug tourists will face deportation, and new measures will be introduced to confront dealers and traffickers.

Spain decriminalised all drugs for personal use in 1982. Dealing remained illegal. Today 80 per cent of robberies are committed to pay for drugs. A reform of the penal code is expected to tighten the laws again.

Islamic Jihad's new chief studied in London

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

THE body of Fathi Shqaqi, the Islamic Jihad founder assassinated by an Israeli Mossad hit team in Malta, was flown to Damascus yesterday for burial. It was met at the airport by several Jihad leaders, including the organisation's new, British-educated chief, Ramadan Abdallah Shallah.

Mr Shallah, who according to his family in Gaza studied in London before going on to teach at an Islamic think-tank linked to a university in Florida, is now the main target for Mossad, which has orders from the Israeli Government to kill him.

There were conflicting accounts from family members about whether his doctorate in political science and economics had been acquired in London or in the United States.

Today's funeral at a squalid Palestinian refugee camp near Damascus will provide a sharp reminder of the long arm of Israeli revenge as the body of the 43-year-old militant will be buried next to that of Abu Jihad, the former military supremo of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, who was shot dead by Israeli commandos in his villa near Tunis in 1988.

Ahmed Jibril, the chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-general command, and Colonel Abu Musah, head of Fatah Uprising, two Syrian-sheltered groups dedicated to sabotaging the peace deal between Israel and the PLO, were also on hand to greet the coffin, which arrived on board a chartered Tunisian jet. As the aircraft landed, the dead leader's widow, Fathiya, and other Palestinian women shouted: "Death to Israel" and "Death to America".

The British links of the new Islamic Jihad secretary-general, who has already ordered suicide squads to exact swift revenge for Mr Shqaqi's death on Jewish targets throughout the world, were certain to intensify the controversy about the many Islamic extremists using London as a safe haven.



Baker: views altered by former department

Pro-China censors change memoirs

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JAMES BAKER, the former US Secretary of State, is angry with his former department after it demanded changes to his memoirs. He says the State Department tried to censor his opinions and impose its conciliatory policies towards China.

The Baker camp has released examples of editorial changes sought by the censors when Mr Baker submitted his manuscript to the State Department. Some requests were finicky, others farcical.

In one passage, Mr Baker admitted that he declined the use of a Chinese conference room on the assumption that it was bugged. "This is off limits," stated the censors, explaining it "tells the Chinese and the world that we don't trust the Chinese". Similarly, they objected to a claim that some Chinese officials were receiving backhanders from the arms trade. "These lines are insulting," a censor wrote in the margin.

Thomas DeFrank, the co-author of Mr Baker's *The Politics of Diplomacy*, said yesterday: "There was an attempt to make a former government official's opinions liable to censorship." Mr DeFrank, a veteran Washington political reporter, has also said the objections were "aimed less at guarding national security than at protecting the feelings of Beijing's hypersensitive gerontocrats".

It is customary for former senior members of US Administrations to submit manuscripts for a security review. In return, they have access to classified papers.

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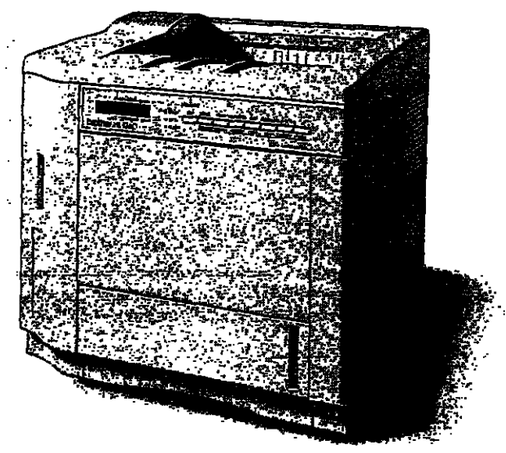


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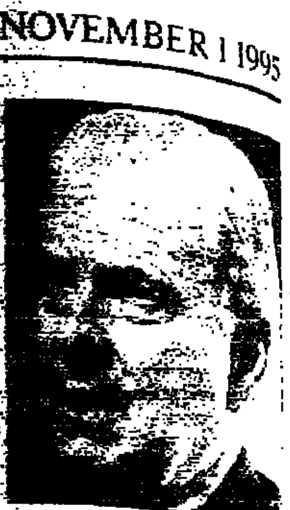
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Kohl tipped to make way for 'Crown Prince' in 1998

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

WOLFGANG SCHÄUBLE, Germany's controversial European strategist, is to replace Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, as Christian Democratic Party chairman and may take over as German leader, according to a report to be published in *Stern* magazine today.

Despite a government denial last night, the report — which quotes an anonymous leading member of the party — tallies with other information leaked from party headquarters and the Chancellery. Herr Kohl promised at the last election to step down in 1998 but, given the immensely complicated European tasks in that year, has quietly retreated from the pledge.

The *Stern* source has revived speculation in a credible way. According to the report, Herr Schäuble will move into the party chairmanship in 1997, and he and Herr Kohl will contest the October 1998 general election on what will be, in effect, a double ticket.

The magazine assumes that Herr Kohl will step down after winning the election for the Christian Democrats and Herr Schäuble will take over. This last part of the equation is purely speculative. Other well-placed Christian Democrat sources suggest Herr Kohl will step down as leader about 18 months after an election victory, in the year 2000, and that Herr Schäuble may not be the automatic choice as successor. Herr Schäuble has used *Stern* magazine before to express his fitness for leadership. Since an assassination attempt five years ago, he has been confined to a wheelchair but has emerged nonetheless as the strong right-hand man of the Chancellor, keeping party discipline as parliamentary floor leader and setting out national and European priorities.

Informally, the 53-year-old lawyer is sometimes referred to as the Crown Prince, but the longer Herr Kohl serves, the more improbable the label has become. The Chancellor has crushed almost all his closest rivals over the years, including a good number of potential successors. Of their generation, only Herr Schäuble and Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, have survived.

The choice of Herr Schäuble is designed not only to ensure an orderly transition into the post-Kohl era: 1998 will be a bumpy year for the Chancellor, above all if right—wingers inside and outside the Christian Democratic Union break party discipline and campaign against the abolition of the mark.

Herr Schäuble is regarded as the leader of the enlightened Right and, at the same time, committed to Herr Kohl's vision of Europe. Last year he caused uproar with a strategy paper that predicted the emergence of a hard core of European states, suggesting that those with softer currencies or weaker commitment to Europe would be dispatched to the political margins. That remains his view, although nowadays he expresses it more diplomatically.

Herr Schäuble's task in 1997-1998 will be to fend off attacks from the Right, and lead the election campaign against the opposition Social Democrats, who will be making monetary union one of their key issues.

This will leave the Chancellor free to concentrate on anchoring his reputation as a statesman. Victory, however, is by no means assured for Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats. To rule in the old style, Herr Kohl needs the small Free Democrat coalition partner to survive. Recent city-state elections in Berlin — when the Free Democrats polled only about 3 per cent of the vote — show that is far from certain.

Meanwhile, the Social Democrats are manoeuvring ahead of a party conference this month that will chart the early stages of the campaign to unseat the Chancellor. Rudolf Scharping, the party leader, has signalled that the Social Democrats will try to establish themselves as champions of the mark.

They sense that Herr Kohl has cut himself adrift from a large part of the population: two-thirds of the country is now opposed to abandoning the mark. That is a large reservoir of potential voters.

Bonn backs Lubbers for Nato leadership

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

RUUD LUBBERS, a widely liked and respected former Dutch Prime Minister, was yesterday poised to succeed Willy Claes as Secretary-General of Nato after receiving an official endorsement from Germany, the only country which might have blocked his candidature.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, confirmed weekend reports that he supported Mr Lubbers for the post at the head of the Western alliance after John Major and President Chirac of France adopted the same position on Monday. Nato officials confirmed that America would have no objections to Mr Lubbers and that the Dutchman was "virtually certain" to be formally offered the job in the next few days.

Herr Kohl's choice came as a great relief to the majority of Nato's 16 governments which were dreading a long, querulous search for an agreed candidate to replace Mr Claes, the Belgian who lasted less than a year in the job after being entangled in a helicopter bribery scandal.

WERNER FORMAN ARCHIVE



One of the numerous exquisite wall paintings in the tomb of Queen Nefertari

Egyptian queen's tomb opens

THE tomb of Queen Nefertari, one of the most lavishly decorated burial chambers built in ancient Egypt, opens to the public today, more than 90 years after its discovery (Michael Dynes writes).

For an entrance fee of £20, tourists will be able to explore the 520 square yards of exquisite murals in Tomb 66, painted in honour of the favourite consort of Rameses II, who reigned over Egypt from 1304 BC to 1236 BC. Nefertari's remains, with any riches that may have been buried with her about 3,200 years ago, were stolen in the distant past. But the murals depicting what is said to have been Egypt's most beautiful woman are among the finest produced by Egyptian civilisation. All visitors will be required to wear masks and shoe pads to protect the walls from moisture and the stone from wear and tear. No more than 200 visitors will be allowed each day.

Located in the Valley of the Queens on Luxor's west bank, Nefertari's last resting place has been out of bounds to tourists since its discovery in 1904 because of the precarious condition of the tomb walls and their ornate reliefs.

Yeltsin tries to resolve poll row

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday intervened from his hospital sickbed to deal with a political crisis caused by a banning order on Russia's leading reformist party.

In the first sign that he is resuming his duties after more than a week's absence, Mr Yeltsin demanded that the Central Electoral Commission explain the banning order on several parties ahead of next month's parliamentary polls.

The move coincided with the first report by Andrei Vorobyov, the head of the medical team treating Mr Yeltsin, that last week's heart attack would not reduce his long-term ability to work. "There have been no changes in the heart muscle," Dr Vorobyov said.

Three parties have been barred from the elections — supposedly for irregularities in their registration documents — including the Yabloko faction, Russia's leading pro-democratic movement. *Grigori Yavlinsky, the party's* leader, has petitioned the Supreme Court to reverse the commission's decision before the official launch of the campaign tomorrow.

The Kremlin leader's intervention followed an announcement by his wife, Naina, that the country should ignore speculative reports in the media about his ability to rule. "I can say with relief that Boris Nikolayevich [Yeltsin] is doing better," she said.

EU sacks top British official over VAT plan

BY GEORGE BROCK

THE European Commission ran into fresh trouble with its staff yesterday as an Italian Commissioner sacked a top British official and the Commission decided to draw up rules to stop colleagues writing embarrassing books about their experiences.

The developments came a day after Bernard Connolly, a dissident Commission official who has attacked monetary union in a book, began legal action against his employers for suspending him. Mario Monti, the Single Market Commissioner, announced he was firing Peter Wilmot, director-general of customs and indirect taxation, because the EU's complex VAT systems were not being implemented quickly enough. The Commissioner denied that his differences with Mr Wilmot were of "a personal nature".



Wilmot: let it be known he is being made a scapegoat

Mr Wilmot has said nothing publicly, but has let it be known that he feels he is being made a scapegoat. He, too, may take legal action.

The rules being drawn up on books and articles by commissioners are aimed at preventing a repetition of the fracas over a book by Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish Commissioner for the Environment. The book has since been withdrawn. In future, members of the Commission will probably be required to submit their manuscripts to Jacques Santer, the President.

Adultery is France's true love

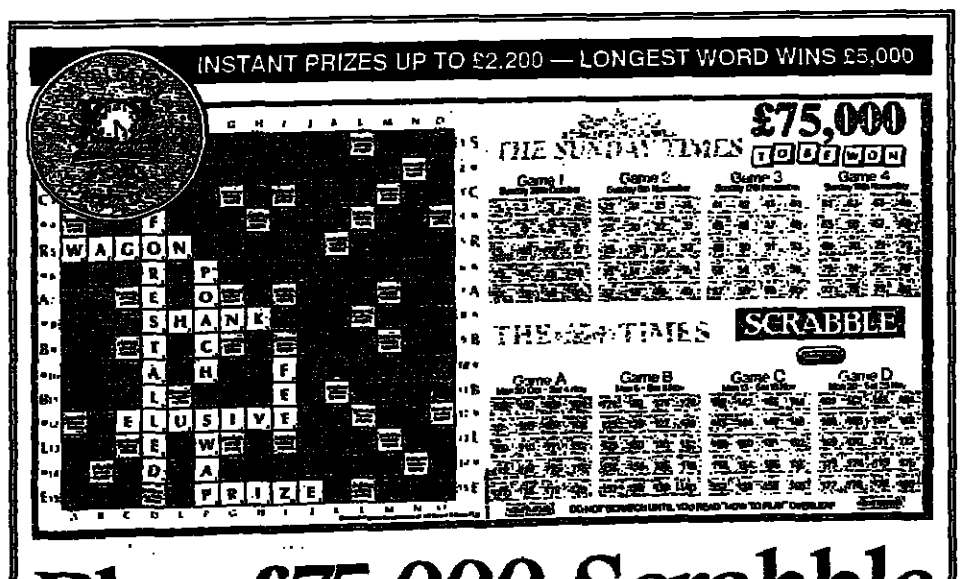
FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

WHILE other Gallic customs may be under assault, the ancient French tradition of adultery is alive and thriving, according to a book published this week.

One in five French people "carry on a long-term romantic relationship with two people", the writer Cécile Abdesselam reports in *The Adventurers of the Double Life*. Two in every three adulterers are men, but, where the extramarital affair was once the exclusive preserve of the male, married Frenchwomen are increasingly likely to be carrying on a dangerous liaison.

More than 40 per cent of French people believe it is possible to love two people at the same time, according to Mme Abdesselam. And 65 per cent would rather remain in blissful ignorance if a spouse is having an affair.

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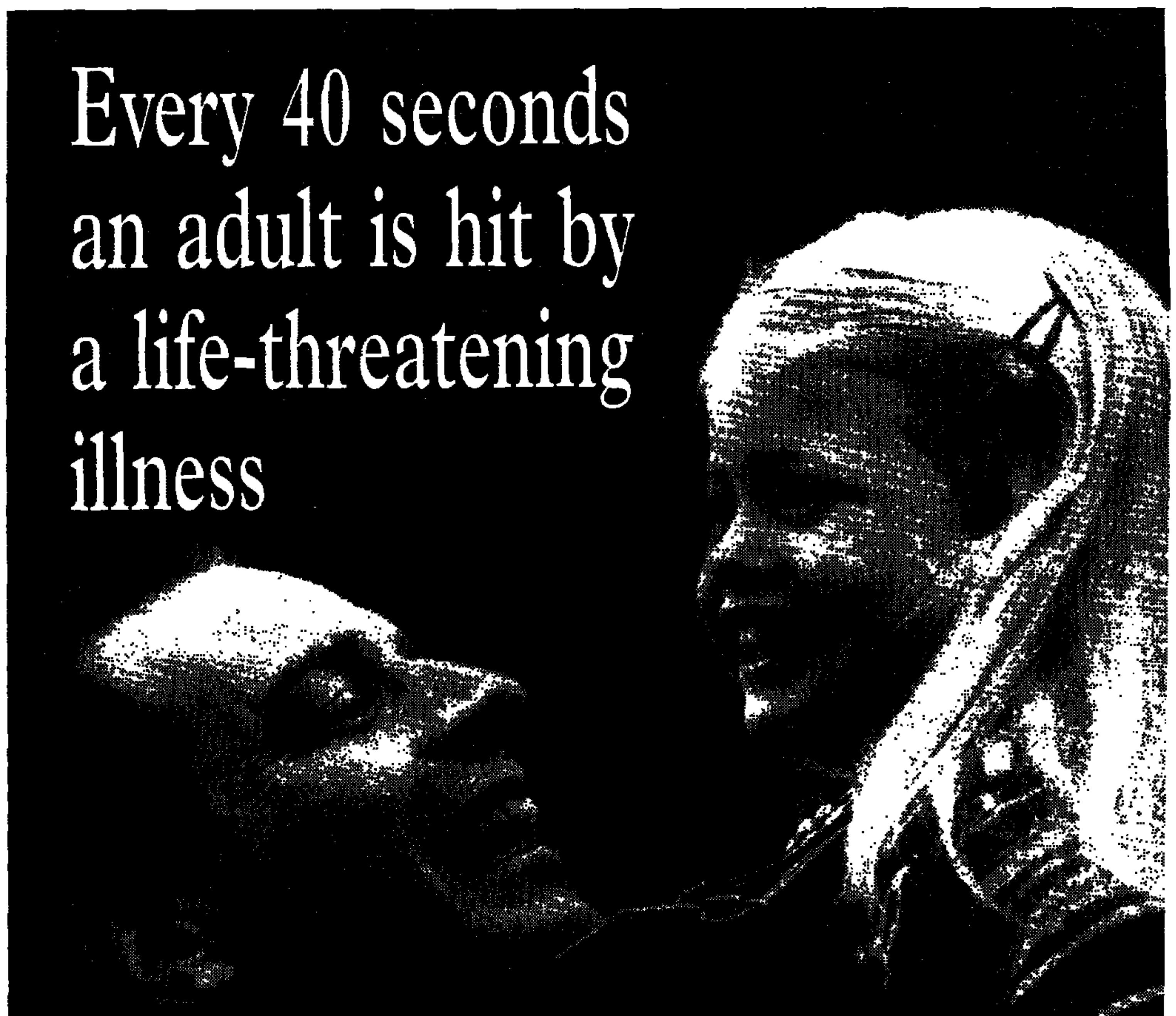
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Province's federalists celebrate but independence issue endures to haunt Canada

Separatist leader quick to declare 'the fight goes on'

FROM TOM RHODES IN MONTREAL

IT WAS a referendum that altered nothing and yet changed everything. The only certainty in the minds of Quebeckers and their Canadian compatriots as they awoke yesterday was that the issue of an independent province would haunt the federation for many years to come.

Although federalists throughout Quebec celebrated long into the night, claiming an historic triumph over the dark powers of separation, the overwhelming feeling was one of defeat. In Ottawa, Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, called for further unity and implied negotiations for change. But in Montreal Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc Québécois, spoke of "a next time, a right time".

An overwhelming 92 per cent of the electorate voted, making the result — a 1 per cent margin — all the more frightening to a Canadian Government that had argued it would get a substantial victory. The French-speaking majority, which accounts for 83 per cent of the province, had voted in favour of the question by a margin of at least 17 per cent and brought the federation to its knees.



Bouchard and his wife, Audrey, after the vote

In 1980 René Lévesque, then leader of the Parti Québécois, called a similar referendum, to be defeated by a margin of 20 per cent. That, accompanied by the failure of subsequent talks on constitutional reform for Quebec, first at Meech Lake and then Charlottetown, had set the scene for yesterday's result.

Faced with remaining part of Canada or declaring total sovereignty, Quebeckers managed to achieve the one outcome that will most affect policymakers in Ottawa.

"Francophone Quebec had two alternatives, neither of which it found appealing," said Jeremy Webber, a professor of constitutional law at McGill University. "Strangely, many voted 'yes' to ensure their voices were heard in the rest of Canada, but they never voted for total independence."

The future is uncertain, said Mr Webber, but the separatists' narrow defeat would resonate throughout the country and place renewed pressure on Mr Chrétien.

The Prime Minister, a Quebecker himself, had seemed destined to lead Canada into the millennium until yesterday. Entering the "no" campaign late, he had told his Cabinet that Quebec would never leave Canada's bosom. In panic, he had finally accepted that might not be the case.

Mr Bouchard, who took the reins of a faltering "yes" campaign from Jacques Parizeau, Quebec's Premier, had played to the heart of the francophone community, invoking the death of a national language and culture.

Rick Anderson, a Reform Party member, said that, of the almost five million who voted, 30 per cent believed they would remain in Canada if the motion were passed. That alone has been cited as a failure of the Chrétien message, which many say should have concentrated on the economic realities of separation.

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The joy: Daniel Johnson, the leader of the Liberal Party, and his wife, Suzanne, celebrating in Montreal among a crowd of "no" supporters

Defeated pin blame on ethnic minorities

BY TOM RHODES

THE coup de grâce for the ethnic minorities of Quebec came soon after Jacques Parizeau shuffled up to the podium at a packed Palais de Congrès in Montreal.

"Yes, we were beaten," he bellowed to thousands of subdued and tearful separatists. "But basically by what? By money and the ethnic vote." Many roared in unison. Others sat on their hands.

Members of ethnic minorities, watching from the safety of their homes, were outraged that the man chosen to represent mainstream politics in the province should have made such a deliberate call to nationalism. "It was a speech replete with racism and demagoguery," said Rabbi Reuben Poupko, president of the Rabbinical Council of Montreal. "He does not understand that he is Premier of all Quebeckers." The minorities of Quebec, which account for 7 per cent of the population, voted as one against separation from Canada, driven to the polls in no small part by fears of a sentiment that only Mr Parizeau dared to put into words in the moment of defeat. But Lucien Bouchard, leader of the Bloc Québécois, had touched on the subject only two weeks before.

Campaigning in north Quebec, Mr Bouchard appealed to a white, French-speaking culture and heritage under threat. The province, he said, had one of the lowest birth rates in the world and demographics would soon bury hopes of an independent state.

"It's a disgrace," Nick Pierni, regional president of the National Congress of Italo-Canadians, said yesterday. "We are 100 per cent Quebeckers ... and we deserve the same rights."



The sorrow: a separatist realising the fight is lost

Gloomy English-speakers see future over Quebec border

BY TOM RHODES

THE English-speaking community in Quebec was in deep shock yesterday after a vote which dashed hopes of a prosperous future in the province.

In west Montreal and the eastern townships — bastions of anglophone culture and the critical mass which carried the referendum in favour of the Canadian federation — there were few signs of festivity, rather an atmosphere of pessimism. Many businesses had already left the region for Toronto and the result confirmed the view among many English-speaking Quebeckers that they should follow suit.

Peter Turner, a lawyer with practices in the township villages of Cowansville and Knowlton, said he had put his house up for sale after discussing the result with his wife over the breakfast table.

"I gave my partner notice that I want to leave within 12 months," he said. "We just cannot go on like this. The prospect of another referendum is too much. Fatigue has set in."

The sentiment was echoed by many English-speakers, who saw the result as a condemnation of their preferred status quo. Although Quebec law permits only one such vote within a single governmental term, and provincial elections are still up to four years away, many believe the assembly will change the legislation and soon call another referendum.

Businessmen appeared less flustered by the result. The Canadian dollar rallied strongly as news of the result filtered through to the financial markets. "Any kind of 'no' was better than none," said Sherry Cooper, chief economist at Nesbitt Burns, the investment house. "Everything is rallying like crazy."

The rest of Canada, meanwhile, was coming to terms with the realisation that the unity debate was far from over. Preston Manning, the leader of the Reform Party, called for a new "Canadian nationalism" in response to the result. He, like the Premiers of almost all the other nine provinces, spoke of a popular demand for change.

The separatist leaders are expected to speak in favour of negotiation, but on Monday night they recognised a clear mandate for their cause.

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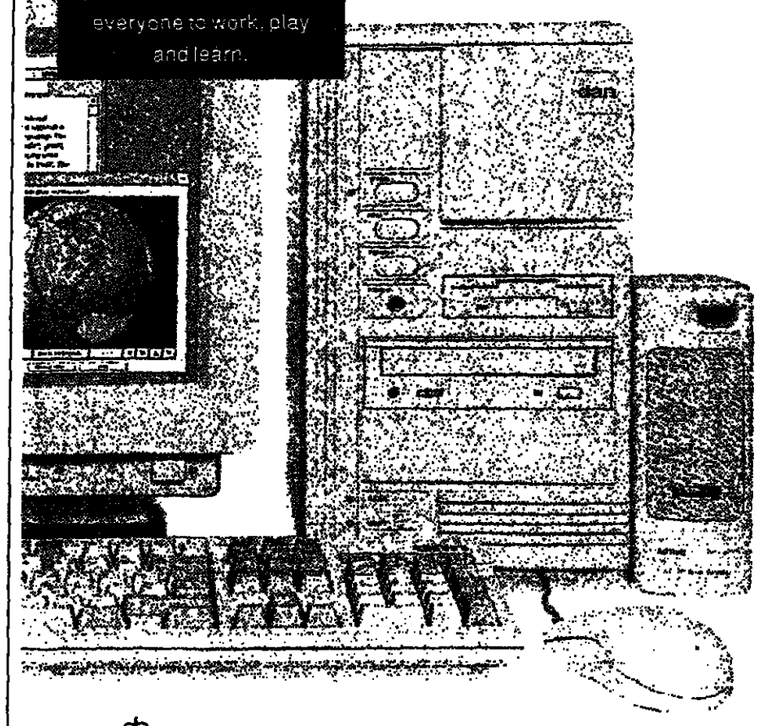
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Britain condemns Nigeria after writer is sentenced to die

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND SAM KILEY

BRITAIN yesterday condemned Nigeria's military regime for sentencing Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian writer and human rights campaigner, to death after what Whitehall dismissed as a "flawed" judicial process.

A military court in Port Harcourt condemned Mr Saro-Wiwa — who has a home in London — to hang after finding him guilty of plotting the murders of four moderate members of his own Ogoni people.

Three others were also sentenced to die yesterday for carrying out the murders in May last year. Five more members of Mr Saro-Wiwa's Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People were sentenced to death on Monday.

As the sentence against Mr Saro-Wiwa was announced, his son, Ken Wiwa, said in London that relatives in Port Harcourt had been refused permission to take food to the condemned man since last week. "My father is effectively being forced to go on hunger strike," he said. "I just want to express our disgust at the verdict, which highlights the human rights abuses which have been intensifying in Nigeria for the past two years."

Mr Saro-Wiwa, 54, was found guilty of involvement in the deaths of the four men during a mêlée at a political rally he was to have addressed. "I was found guilty even before I was tried," declared a defiant but frail Mr Saro-Wiwa after the sentence was announced. He suffers from a congenital heart condition for which he has been denied treatment. "In the course of this trial I have been brutalised," he shouted before being led away.

Mr Saro-Wiwa has campaigned against the Nigerian regime and the oil industry in his native Rivers State, which is home to the Ogoni people. They say that little of the region's oil riches reaches them and that their land and water have been polluted.



Saro-Wiwa: "guilty before I was tried"

A spokesman for the British Government called for the sentences to be commuted and said: "We deplore the death sentences passed on Ken Saro-Wiwa and his co-defendants following a flawed judicial process." He also indicated that pressure would be brought to bear on the regime of General Sani Abacha during next week's Commonwealth summit in New Zealand to hasten Nigeria's return to democracy. General Abacha has pledged to return the country to civilian rule, but "the timetable is rather long", the spokesman said.

Chief Emeka Amyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and himself a Nigerian, said: "I earnestly hope that these sentences will not be carried out and I appeal to the Nigerian authorities to spare his life." Nigerian and international human rights groups condemned the trial as a flagrant abuse of the law.

In the past week, the Ogoni region on the Niger delta has been swamped with soldiers. Deebi Mwaido, Mr Saro-Wiwa's personal assistant, said they were "beating, raping and killing Ogoni people".



Duke in brush with Maori tradition

THE Duke of Edinburgh stoically rubbed 36 noses in traditional Maori greeting when he arrived in New Zealand yesterday, including that of Honohono Morrison, above, of the Te Arawa tribe (Alan Hamilton writes).

Visiting the island of Mokoia in Lake Rotorua, the Duke, who is president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, was greeted by elders from the tribe, all of whom wished to perform a *hongi* — the ceremonial sharing of air with a visitor — with the royal nose. After three dozen *hongis*, the Duke turned his attention to the true purpose of his first official enagagement in the country, an inspection of a stichbird breeding programme.

The Duke was joined by the Queen after her 27-hour flight in the specially converted first-class cabin of a scheduled Air New Zealand Boeing 747 flight from London, the first time that the monarch has arrived for an official visit on a normal commercial service. The New Zealand Government, which is responsible for transport, is reported to have saved £400,000 by not chartering an aircraft for the journey.

During her visit, which precedes the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Auckland, the Queen will sign into law New Zealand's largest-ever land compensation deal with its indigenous Maori population.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Argentine guerrilla extradited

Argentina's most notorious left-wing guerrilla leader of the Seventies and early Eighties, Enrique Gorriarán Merlo, was extradited yesterday to Buenos Aires (Gabriella Gamini writes). He was captured in Mexico City at the weekend and faces a life sentence for his role in numerous violent attacks.

Gorriarán, 54, better known as "The Angel" or "Baldy", had been on the run for 25 years. He followed in Che Guevara's footsteps and left Argentina in his twenties to *join guerrilla groups in Mexico, Cuba and Nicaragua.* One charge is that he took part in the Paraguay assassination of the exiled Nicaraguan dictator Anastásio Somoza in 1980.

Nuclear sect

New York: The Japanese sect accused of a fatal gas attack on the Toyko subway tried to buy nuclear and chemical weapons *materials in America,* Russia and Australia, Senator Sam Nunn told *The New York Times. (Reuter)*

Roh summoned

Seoul: Roh Tae Woo, the former South Korean President, appears today before state prosecutors over a secret £425 million slush fund. His successor, President Kim Young Sam, has twice denied involvement. *(Reuter)*

Metro denial

Baku: The Azerbaijan Government rejected reports that a bomb was responsible for the metro train disaster here that killed about 300 people, saying that the dead did not have injuries consistent with an explosion. *(AFP)*

Bomb kills 22

Ankara: The democratic Iraqi National Congress, which opposes President Saddam Hussein, said at least 22 people died when a bomb exploded in its security office at Salahuddin in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq. *(Reuter)*

South African taste for polls cools

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

EIGHTEEN months after the world witnessed the queues outside polling booths in South Africa's first non-racial election, voters for today's local government polls are complaining about a surfeit of politics without having enjoyed the promised dishes.

Where are the houses, jobs and better life they were told in April last year their vote would ensure? What, they say, is the point of voting again if it made no difference last time?

Last week the African National Congress convened a special press conference to try to dispel the impression that voter apathy is widespread. But Cyril Ramaphosa, the secretary-general, only added to the scepticism when he said he would be gratified by a 50 per cent turnout, a far cry from the 86 per cent last year.

The local elections have been transformed into a mini general election, focusing on national issues. In Gauteng alone, the most populous province, fewer than 2,000 houses of the promised 150,000 have been built.

The few issues to have elicited real passion are crime and violence. Crime levels have risen by 3 per cent since last year.

Inter-party bickering and lack of information have made the polls even less appetising. The electorate can hardly have been encouraged by the knowledge that neither President Mandela nor Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, of the Inkatha Freedom Party, will be voting because they are registered in Cape Town and KwaZulu/Natal, where elections have been suspended.

In East London, in the Eastern Cape, 47 candidates from the three main parties were investigated for fraud, and in Uitenhage the National Party is expected to win because every ANC candidate has been disqualified.

Argentina to hail Princess

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI, SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

MOST Argentinians will cast aside any resentment they still harbour about the Falklands conflict when it comes to welcoming the Princess of Wales. She will be received by elated crowds when she visits Buenos Aires at the end of this month.

"I am so happy she is coming. I have followed the story of the dream Princess who has fallen on bad times every step of the way. It is more exciting and dramatic than the best of soap operas," said one woman interviewed on a local television station, reflecting a consensus.

Newspaper headlines in Buenos Aires yesterday welcomed the news, calling the visit a sign that relations between Britain and Argentina, renewed in 1990, had been "irreversibly" improved. "We have reached fishing and oil agreements with Britain, this royal visit will now help our public to feel closer to your country," Guido Di Tella, the Foreign Minister, said.

There was confusion in diplomatic circles about the status of the visit — from November 23 to 26. First announced as "official", it was then downgraded by Buckingham Palace to a "working trip".

☐ **Family visit:** The Falklands yesterday allowed 12 relatives of five Argentine Air Force crew to visit the place where their aircraft crashed in the 1982 conflict with Britain.

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Selfridges has shaken off its 'grand old lady' image with a multimillion-pound revamp and now has clothes appeal for serious shoppers



Until recently department stores were not considered to be exactly fashionable. Snobbish style pundits looked down their noses at the multi-storey emporiums, preferring the intimacy (and elitism) of the specialist boutique.

However, over the past few years the big retail players in London — Liberty, Dickens & Jones, Harrods, Harvey Nichols and even Fenwicks — have followed the lead (and success) of American retailers and revamped their images.

Perhaps the most striking make-over has been the redevelopment of Selfridges on Oxford Street. For a long time it languished on the fringes of fashion. Its landmark position, close to Marble Arch, pulled in passing trade, turning the store into a tourist trap, but failed to capture the imagination (or the bank account) of the discerning shopper.

The problem was in proportion with the store: gigantic. In

Fashion journalist of the year



IAIN R. WEBB

the early 1990s Tim Daniels, the managing director of Selfridges, mercilessly lobbied Sears, its parent company, for money to be spent on the London store, and in 1993 Sears invested £60 million in a masterplan which would make sweeping changes from top to bottom. Even the children's department has been given a new look. Renamed Kids Universe, it buzzes with excitement and more than a few envious grown-ups.

During London Fashion Week, Selfridges put on a show of its own, unveiling Spirit, its rejuvenated teen fashion department on the ground floor. The pop singer Dannii Minogue was among the models showing off the latest lines from Warehouse, French Connection, Toi du Monde, Red or Dead and, of course, the Miss Selfridge line.

This week sees another part of the jigsaw fall into place, with the opening of a Casual Collections department on the second floor offering contemporary weekend wear such as the A line Anne Klein outfit pictured above. The look is essentially comfortable and sporty, with lots of mix 'n' match separates — featuring this season's favourite fabrics, nylon, denim, satin and cotton — from designers including Jean Paul Gaultier, Adrienne Vittadini, Katharine Hamnett, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein and Antoni & Alison.

There are new labels to be found all over the store, including Edina Ronay, Pearce Fionda, Gianni Versace, Amanda Wakeley, Benny Ong, Gucci, Issey Miyake, John Rocha, Romeo Gigli, and Thierry Mugler (pictured far right). "All names that, frankly, would not have dreamt of coming in here before," Mr Daniels says.

Nothing could be farther from the truth today. Taking its cue from Barneys, the successful department store in New York, Selfridges gives an overwhelming sense of space. The sheer choice of merchandise on offer under one roof is its greatest strength, especially in the men's department where funky and refined clothes are shown side by side. Just walking through the ladies' shoe department would make Imelda Marcos dizzy.

If that were not enough, Selfridges has one more ace up its sleeve — the largest cosmetics and perfumery hall in the world. Now that really is something not to be sniffed at.



ABOVE: Black satin quilted jacket, £146; matching yellow satin waistcoat, £94, nylon hipster skirt, £89, A line by Anne Klein.

RIGHT: Woman's fine dogtooth check suit, £529, Thierry Mugler. Silver grosgrain high heels, £79, Via Spiga. Man's fine knitted suit, £399; blue/rust stripe shirt, £79; blue woven tie, £39.95, Victor Victoria. Black leather lace-up brogues, £129, Sweeneys.



ABOVE: Chocolate brown fake pony jacket, £194.99; matching skirt, £49.95, rib knit sweater, £49.95, Toi du Monde, Spirit at Selfridges. Leather loafers, £105, Patrick Cox Wannabes.

RIGHT: Beige/brown fine check blazer, £399; chocolate brown/pale brown check wool shirt, £125; brown rib knit waistcoat, £125; chocolate brown jeans, £59.95, C.K. Calvin Klein.

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The general's first lady

Martin Fletcher on the housewife who has the key to the American Presidency


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Alma and Colin Powell: she fears for her husband's safety as President — "it just takes one nut" — and for his reputation

Newsweek magazine disclosed on Sunday that Colin Powell's wife, Alma, has for ten years taken medication to control depression. It was hardly a sensational revelation, and was buried in a bigger story, but those two short paragraphs could conceivably determine who is America's next President.

As the impossibly popular general nears a decision on whether to seek the Oval Office, the strong-willed woman who has been his loyal partner for the past 33 years is unquestionably the biggest obstacle. "Tell him no," Mrs Powell implored Richard Armitage, one of her husband's closest friends and advisers, earlier this year. "Alma is adamant. She's totally against it," said Bruce Llewellyn, the general's cousin and confidant, last week.

Mrs Powell is, by her own admission, a "very private person". She dreads the prospect of the media exposing the most intimate details of her family's personal life. The *Newsweek* story would have confirmed her worst fears while there was still time to dissuade her husband.

There are other reasons Mrs Powell so strongly opposes him running. She fears for his safety — "it just takes one nut," she says. She fears for his reputation — "you might start out a saint, but I don't think you'd end up as one". At 57 she likes having her husband to herself at last, and adores the new $1.3 million Virginia home, complete with swimming pool, they bought after his retirement from the Pentagon in 1993.

Nor does Mrs Powell want her children's lives turned upside down. Michael is a 32-year-old Washington lawyer with two young sons, Linda a 30-year-old New York actress, and Annemarie a 25-year-old production assistant with ABC television news. Uncorroborated rumours about Linda have circulated in New York's gay community. Mrs Powell jokes to friends that if her husband is at a loose end, "there are plenty of things to fix around the house".

Former President Bush is pushing the general to run, and Barbara Bush did her best to allay Mrs Powell's fears when the Powells visited Kennebunkport this summer, but General Powell will not lightly dismiss his wife's opposition. They have always worked as a team, and he insists that whatever he decides "Alma will be 50 per cent of that decision". After a brief pause he adds: "In Alma's case it's probably 51 per cent."

The two met on a blind double-date in Boston in 1961. General Powell, then a 24-year-old first lieutenant, was instantly "entranced" by this soft-spoken Southerner with her light brown hair, lovely figure and luminous green eyes.

Alma's first job had been hosting a radio show — *Luncheon With Alma* — in her native Birmingham, Alabama. She was now working as an audiologist. Powell called her the next day, they began dating and suddenly, he recalls in his autobiography, "I was in love, but I thought it would clear up".

It did not clear up. The next year he was promoted and posted to Vietnam. To his surprise Alma did not share his excitement and declared she would not wait for him. After a night of hard thinking Powell returned to her apartment and proposed.

He did not buy an engagement ring, suggesting the money would be better spent on household items. Nor was Alma's father — the proud principal of an all-black high school in Birmingham, Alabama — thrilled at his daughter marrying a West Indian soldier from the Bronx. But they married within two weeks, spent their wedding night in Birmingham's only decent black hotel, and returned to work in Boston. A few days later a man rang the apartment and introduced himself as Alma's fiancé. "How do you do," said Powell. "I'm her husband." There evidently had not been time "to put my earlier rivals on notice that Alma was now spoken for".

Four months after the wedding Powell departed for Vietnam and Alma returned — pregnant — to her parents' home. Three months after that, *with her husband deep in* Indo-China, she gave birth to their first child, Michael, who was either conceived before their wedding or born two months prematurely.

Over the next three decades Mrs Powell brought up three children while her husband served in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and gruelling Pentagon and White House posts. She had to move house constantly, escort the wives of visiting dignitaries, and take midnight telephone calls alerting her husband to international crises. Baptised a Congregationalist, she became an Episcopalian like her husband "because we wanted to grow together spiritually as a family". She did all this with poise and good humour, and her first comment when her husband was appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989 was: "Here we go again."

She was always supportive, but never passive or subservient. She was the rock on which her husband depended when Michael was grievously injured in a car crash. He recalls how she would tell him to get a haircut, warned him against certain journalists and telephoned him after his first televised Gulf War briefing to say he had passed muster — "an unawed wife is good for keeping your hat size constant".

Alma, General Powell wrote in his autobiography, "made a home, raised the kids, kept me happy and impressed everybody at every post at which we ever served".

On the first day of General Powell's retirement, after a magnificent farewell ceremony attended by Presidents Bush and Clinton, he was greeted at breakfast by Alma telling him to unblock the kitchen sink, and he now jokingly describes his occupation as "full-time spouse". But he also wrote that "in the lottery of love and marriage I knew that I had been the big winner".

Those who know her say that Alma would not ultimately stand in her husband's way if he was really determined to run. She is at heart a "wonderful army wife, a good trooper" who would fully support him whatever he finally chose to do.

She has herself said she would "adjust", and would never dream of emulating Marianne Gingrich who threatened, if her husband ran against her wishes, to "go on the air *the next day* and undermine everything".

In fact — though the Republican Right would not like her firm support for abortion rights — Alma would almost certainly prove a considerable electoral asset to her husband with her natural warmth and long record of charitable work for the underprivileged.

But back in the first years of their marriage, when Alma would admire the generals' quarters and tell her husband she wished one day to live in a fine antebellum Southern mansion, the White House was not — and emphatically still is not — the one she had in mind.

Alma has been treated for depression for ten years

Giles Coren on Patric Walker's successor

What the stars hold in store for Shelley

The horoscopes of Patric Walker, it is reckoned, were read by a billion people. But, according to his heir as Britain's most influential astrologer, the modern world is only now beginning to come round to astrology.

When Walker died three weeks ago, even the most amateur enthusiast could have predicted that Shelley Von Strunckel would take his place at the *Evening Standard*. She had been his protégée in the early 1990s, even writing his *Standard* column for a year, and with her slot in the *The Sunday Times* had become the first astrologer to appear regularly in a national broadsheet — a step which she called at the time "the culmination of Patric's efforts and mine to bring our field the dignity it deserves by going upmarket".

It has clearly allowed a certain dignity of lifestyle. A Hollywood-born American, she spends up to two months a year in New York. When in London, she lives in a breathtaking apartment opposite Westminster Cathedral — ironic, when you consider that in 1992 the Pope described the reading of horoscopes as a sin.

Downstairs is Roy Hattersley, next door is Michael Portillo — two men who will have had very different responses to her prediction, in December 1991, that the Tories — then disastrously low in the polls — would win the 1992 election and bring an end to Neil Kinnock's parliamentary career. Neither of them, though, can have apartments so palatial, so extravagantly decorated and furnished with antiques as Ms Von Strunckel.

"I am beginning to take over Patric's billion readers, through worldwide syndication," she says. "But the money is by no means a fortune. Certainly not enough to bring up a family and educate children." Fortunately, her husband, a British barrister, is in a position to share some of that expense.

"When we married, five years ago, he was not interested in astrology, but he has developed considerable respect for it." And he is not alone, it seems.

"When I first started in the business 20 years ago this month, people at parties were taken aback when I said what I did for a living; some even laughed. But they didn't engage me in conversation about it. In the last five years, though, all that has changed. I now try to keep my job quiet, otherwise the rest of the evening is spent on the subject. Everyone wants to talk about it."


Starstruck Shelley

Apart from the newspaper columns, Ms Von Strunckel works as a consultant astrologist charging £80 an hour. She is not of the old predicting school, though. "Saying things like 'a red ribbon tied around a lamppost will change your life' is not astrology." She is thoroughly modern, adopting an approach that allows free will its part in destiny.

"I make people aware of the developing situation, and of how their own chart stands, and allow them to make their own decisions from that. The greatest gift you can give someone is to say 'it's over to you'."

This approach, pioneered by Walker, has helped to make astrology the growth industry that it is today. And many of Ms Von Strunckel's clients are businessmen.

"I have some very high-level business clients," she says. "But you don't hear about it because they don't want the flak that comes with it, or their competitors to know where they are getting their information."

She does not give specific details about markets, though; rather, she helps people to time a takeover, or the dissolution of a business partnership.

Of newspaper astrology columns she is not dismissive. "They offer collective truths which are valid on their own level. It is not the same as a personal chart, but you can get a general picture."

And Mystic Meg? "She is very entertaining. And she does sometimes mention astrological phenomena. It is one part astrology to five *parts hoo-ha, but it's fun.*"

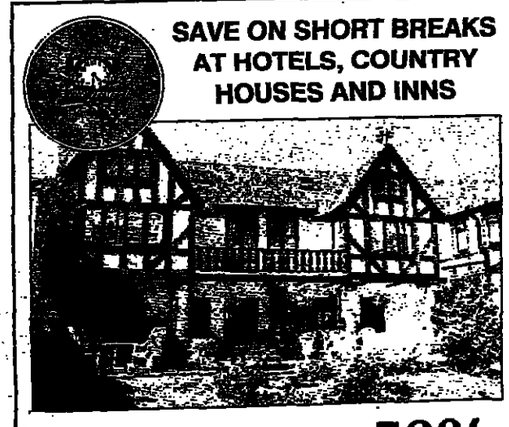
Ms Von Strunckel does not trivialise. In fact she dignifies at every point: "The study of the stars arose through empirical observation of physical and political events which, when men began to settle, could be seen to recur with certain configurations of the Sun, Moon and planets. It is only reasonable to tap into that empirical observation.

"In the Middle Ages every doctor, philosopher and physicist was also expected to be an astrologer. It was only with the age of science, in the 17th century, that astrology went into decline. For many people, materialism has nothing left to say, and there is a new interest in metaphysics. Astrology, like meditation and other things, *is a part of that. I believe that* all the daily broadsheets will soon have horoscopes on the business pages."

With her past success in predicting political upheaval, and with a triumph as recent as foretelling last week's earthquake in China which coincided with the eclipse of the Sun, can she offer us something on the next general election?

"Yes. I believe it will be won by a third party — not the Lib Dems — which will have emerged with a leader as yet unknown. It will be comprised mainly of defectors from the two main parties and occupy a centre-left position similar to the Democrats in the US." You read it here first.

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What Ohio can do for Bosnia

Timothy Garton Ash calls for a long commitment to peacekeeping

As we sat in what is left of his battered and encircled town, the last Bosnian Government enclave on the River Drina, the Mayor of Gorazde asked: "Do you know what is the map?" The map, that is, that he thinks the American negotiator Richard Holbrooke will unfold when the Bosnian peace talks open today at the Wright-Patterson air-force base in Dayton, Ohio. A map which he fears might spell the end of his town, after more than three years of holding out against a siege worse than Sarajevo's.

The distance between reality on the ground in Bosnia and the conception on paper for the peace talks is greater even than that between Gorazde and Dayton, Ohio. The ostensible theory is that the Bosnian-Croat federation, holding the magic figure of 51 per cent of the territory of the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina, will be joined by certain key central institutions to the Serb-controlled part of the former republic. A 60,000-strong Nato-plus implementation force will turn the current fragile ceasefire into peace, while Western economic aid, channelled through confederal and Bosnian-Croat federation institutions, will start the remaking of a Balkan Switzerland. Bosniaks (misleadingly known as Bosnian Muslims), Croats and Serbs will gradually come to live and work together again, in a highly decentralised but still common state, like the French, Germans and Italians in Switzerland.

> These enmities will persist for years

Now if you travel through the mountainous landscape of central Bosnia, with its rocky ravines, pine forests, pastures and farmsteads, you can for a moment almost imagine that you are in Switzerland. But this beautiful European land has not only been devastated by war, it has been torn apart by conquest into not just two but three main parts: Bosnian Government, Bosnian Croat and Bosnian Serb. Only the Bosnian Government part pays any more than lip-service to a multi-ethnic state. But even it is becoming ever more overwhelmingly Bosniak.

Bosnian Government forces now control little more than 30 per cent of the land. The other 21 per cent out of the totemic 51 per cent is held by the Croat para-state of Herceg-Bosna. In the middle of a wood near Sarajevo two dirty caravans and two dishevelled frontier guards act as the frontier control for the Bosnian Croat enclave of Kiseljak. It's like *A Passport to Pimlico* with guns. In Mostar, the whole might of the European Union cannot bring the Croat administration to let people from the Bosnian eastern part of the city pass freely to the western part. So there is division within division, enmity within enmity.

The brutality and suffering has been such that even if there is no further slaughter, it is hard to imagine Bosniak, Croat and Serb Bosnians now living together in the same political community, as they did, in the countryside and in the civilised café society of Sarajevo, before this war.

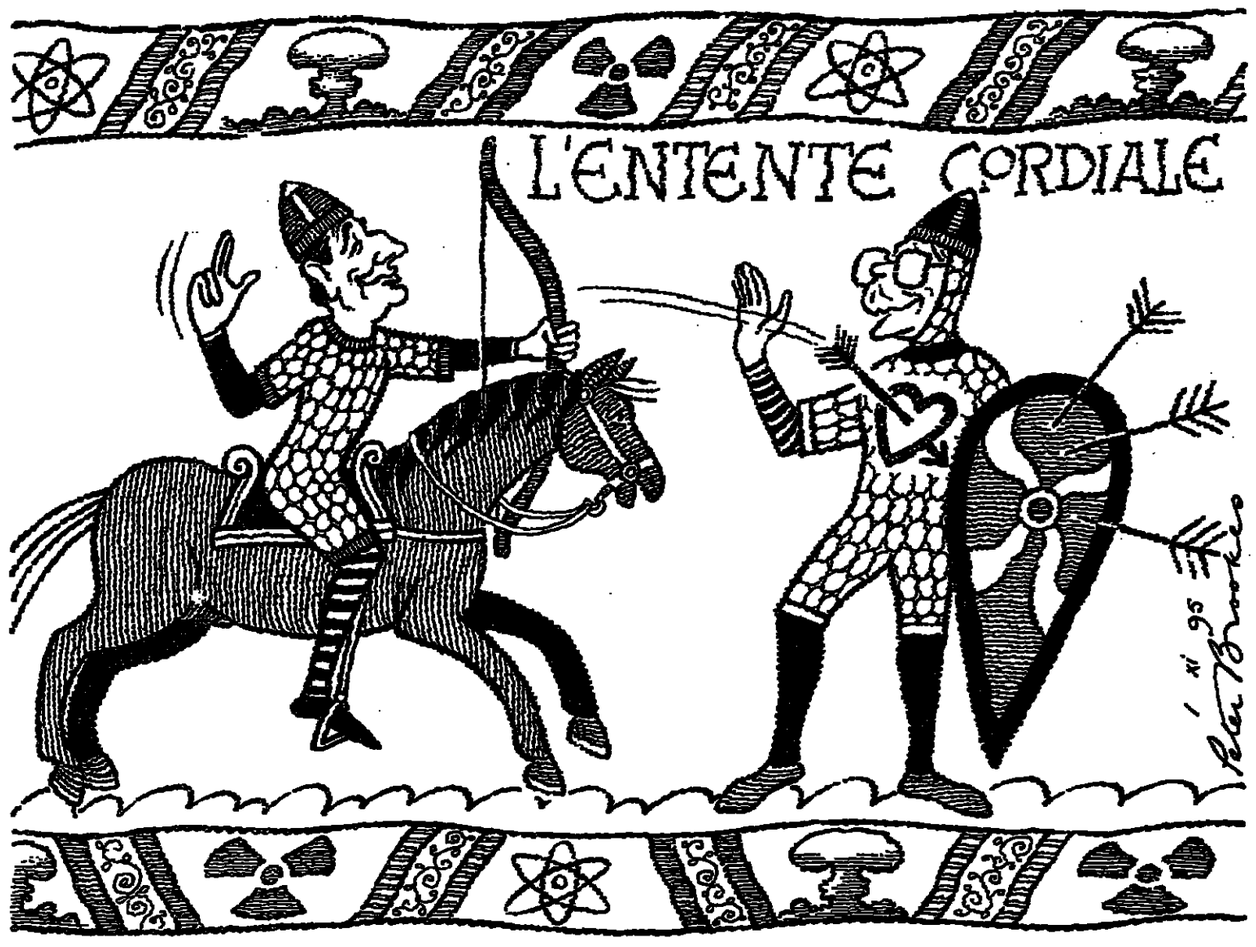
What follows from this is emphatically *not* that we should accept and legitimise a partition which we have shamefully failed to prevent. On the contrary, we must still insist that the whole of Bosnia remain an internationally recognised unit. This matters for the future of international relations, since otherwise war and "ethnic cleansing" will be seen to pay. It matters for the future of Bosnia, since otherwise the Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats will see no reason to work with the Bosnian authorities, and a rump Bosniak Bosnia will be left between a Greater Serbia and the real victor of this war, Franjo Tudjman's Croatia. (Last Sunday, Croats in the Croat-controlled parts of Bosnia were actually voting in Croatian elections.)

Secondly, though, we must try to ensure that the part of Bosnia under Bosnian Government control is itself a viable unit. With its capital still encircled by Serb-held territory, Gorazde an isolated enclave, Mostar a divided city, an economy in ruins, an army still outarmed by both the Croat and Serbian sides, no neighbouring protector and no access to the sea, that is a very tall order. Only the Bosnian Government can decide whether trading territory — accompanied by the peaceful transfer of populations — to make an integral and less vulnerable territory is a lesser evil. (I should not like to be the official who had to break the news to the people of Gorazde.) But we can put in money and know-how, and we can help them to build a better-equipped and more regular and professional army.

Thirdly, we have to recognise that even if the Dayton talks produce a "peace" leading to the deployment of the implementation force, a commitment of a year or 18 months will not be enough. That may be the most that the American Congress will commit troops for, but if local politicians and soldiers think the external forces will be out in a year, they will use the time to prepare for another round.

At the moment, everyone in Bosnia looks to America. They don't believe in any vehicle labelled "UN" or "international community", let alone "Europe". But neither they nor we can realistically expect America to be so committed for long. Why should it be?

A year hence, if we are very lucky, a lower level of military force may be required to keep in place the international framework within which the different parts of Bosnia and the different kinds of Bosnian can live, if not together, then at least side-by-side. But without a continued international presence there will be scant chance of domestic coexistence and reconstruction. Without it, this will be merely an interval before the tragedy's last act.



Divorced from reality

If John Major drops Lord Mackay's sensible Bill, it will be for fear of a Right wing already looking to his successor

Simon Jenkins

Sometimes a Prime Minister must gaze around his Cabinet table and ask himself the question, Do I lead or do I follow? John Major is by style and inclination a follower, if only because he seldom knows where to lead. But he is not a coward. He does not run cowering at the first wimper from the Whips office or at the sound of a tabloid popgun.

Which is why Lord Mackay's Divorce Reform Bill must be in the Queen's Speech on November 15. It is a rare measure from this bleak Parliament, one that promotes human happiness. The reform has been exhaustively debated and supported. Its thrust is unanswerable. Most divorces would become slower. All divorce would be fairer and tidier, but not easier. Divorce would be less litigious, less costly and less acrimonious. Both the Anglican and the Catholic bishops have said they wish to see the reform enacted, as do the Opposition parties and even most divorce lawyers.

Lord Mackay was last year given the backing of his Cabinet colleagues in proceeding with his Bill. In Cabinet, only John Gummer is opposed to the reform; for some reason he prefers the present "quickie" procedure. The majority of Members of Parliament are said to be in favour as, I am sure, is a majority of the public. Yet suddenly a yellow streak has appeared, running from right-wing MPs through the whips' office to spread as a stain down the Cabinet's back. Someone is running scared of something.

Let me repeat the substance of the proposed changes. They introduce a minimum delay of one year from the start of proceedings. At present three-quarters of divorces are settled in three to six months, many of them prior to a full settlement. Only a quarter of divorces follow the two years' separation procedure. Most of these do so only to avoid the pain of proving "fault" in open court. Under Lord Mackay's changes, the total time taken for an average divorce in Britain would probably double. (The short-term impact would thus be a fall in the rate.)

The reason for a year's delay is that Lord Mackay no longer wants couples to go their separate ways before a binding arrangement on children, property and maintenance has been approved by a court. Divorce will no longer be possible in advance of a settlement. To portray this as making divorce quicker or easier is simply a lie. If Tory MPs worry that they are "sending the wrong signal about the family", it is they who are the signallers, and they are signalling a lie.

More than 95 per cent of divorces are uncontested. Lord Mackay also wishes to remove the need to prove to a court in such cases that there has been cruelty, adultery or unreasonable behaviour by one or other party. This requirement of proof, he has pointed out, merely injects into a divorce case additional cruelty, acrimony and hurt to children. It exaggerates conflict. Laws that increase misery and unhappiness, he says, are bad laws which should be changed. As an aid to this, a counsellor will offer the parties to a divorce the *option* of mediation rather than litigation. Mediation is not to bring them back together, though that may be a consequence. It is to help them reach a settlement without having to go through the adversarial process of hiring separate lawyers. A court would still make the final decision.

I have listened to Lady Olga Maitland, Dame Jill Knight, Roger Gale, John Townend, John Redwood and other voices from the Right, and I remain mystified at their opposition. Most seem to accept that the reform is sound. Yet they concoct a witches' brew of circumlocutions to oppose it. They talk of being seen to guard the institution of marriage, of protecting children and of their wretched signals — as if distressed couples across the land were hanging on Lady Olga's every word before parting. Today's quickie divorces-without-settlement are precisely what these critics should wish to end. If they want slower divorce, encouraging "second thoughts" and helping children, they should support Lord Mackay.

The motives of these critics are, I suspect, sinister. They secretly or openly wish to retain the concept of "good behaviour", and thus of blame, as part of the legal framework of marriage. They believe in the right of the state not just to order the logistics of a failed marriage, but also to pass judgment on its moral architecture. They truly believe — or yearn to believe — that one partner must be to blame for the breakdown of a marriage. He or she should therefore be pilloried in open court.

To these critics, the ritualised misery, the affidavits, allegations, cross-petitions and publicised cruelties of existing divorce litigation are a punitive deterrent. They are the marital equivalent of corporal punishment, a short, sharp shock. According to this argument, a divorce law is actually a good one if it exacerbates family conflict, traumatises children, impoverishes couples and enriches lawyers. For such a law is a deterrent to its use. It is a prison wall erected by the State around the institution of marriage. Its force lies not in its sensitivity to the wishes of individuals, but in its archaic stupidity. It subjects divorcees to medieval trial by ordeal. To my mind, such legislators are immoral.

Lord Mackay's Bill happens to be a model reform of domestic policy. The proposals were researched and published in consultative form. Views were sought over two years. Government departments and Cabinets were briefed, as was any MP who bothers to listen or read beyond this morning's tabloid newspaper. Lord Mackay has spoken to dozens of gatherings. He has finally produced his Bill. Yet suddenly the Prime Minister takes fright. Looming over his desk is Uriah Heap, in the well-rounded form of the chief whip, Alastair Goodlad. The usual simpering begins: "Of course, if the Prime Minister insists . . . there are worries about the *Daily Mail* . . . hard to calculate rebellion . . . public dislikes splits . . . general election in offing . . . is it worth the trouble?" Cabinet ministers scuttle into cupboards. Not my department, they say. Must protect my flank. Nothing is worth the trouble. Not even governing.

At this point the nation would be justified in throwing up its hands. Since the Blackpool conference, Mr Major has appeared to be on the run before the Right. He seems to have acquired confidence, but the confidence of a man safe inside a cage. If he has really conceded the Right a legislative veto until the next election, the least he can grant his country is an early election. This is not responsible government. Indeed a concession to the Right means only one thing, that ministers know they have lost the next election and are already fighting the subsequent leadership battle. General elections are never won by pandering to extremists, but leadership elections certainly are.

Somewhere inside that bizarre organism, the Conservative Party, the juices of power are flowing in new directions. While Mr Major may be striving to win the next election, Michael Portillo, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Howard and Peter Lilley are instinctively realigning their sights. They are looking beyond. The electorate may not want crueller prisons, poorer single mothers, more opted-out schools, more fanatical Eurosceptics — or it would not be supporting Labour. But the activists who help to topple Tory leaders do want these things. Divorce reform is the latest indicator of their potency.

Mr Major knows that Lord Mackay is right. He should therefore have no truck with the call for abandonment. This is a sensible reform that will stand to his credit. If the whips cannot deliver him a majority, then he should honour parliamentary democracy by using a free vote. This is not some trial of strength with the Right. It is a one-off measure to ease the stress of marital breakdown and make divorce a more considered process. It will restore the Cabinet's commitment to sane government, sorely tested of late.

Alan Coren



■ As a birthday tribute, we present a major exploita . . . — er, adaptation

I bear, a morn belatedly, two boons; and if you suspect a keynote to have been struck by that pinch of archaisms wrapped up in an iambic pentameter, you are not wrong. For the boons I bear are surprise birthday gifts not only for John Keats, 200 yesterday, but also for all those who complained that the nation had done so little to commemorate him.

I do not blame the nation. The nation may have heard of Keats, just, but it has not read him. His works are not propped up on sauce bottles, piled up at Asda checkouts, or booted up best-seller lists. So, shall we put this down to the nation's being a philistine oik? How can we, when that is precisely what is currently happening to Jane Austen's works?

And there we are. The nation does not read Keats because his stuff has not been adapted for the telly. Or, even more important, attracted all the ancillary attention which accompanies being on the telly. That is why production is just about to start on my own four-part adaptation of *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*. We had, of course, been hoping for it to coincide with Keats's birthday, but you can imagine how hard it proved to cram 12 whole quatrains into a mere four hours. You know telly.

Part One finds a knight-at-arms, alone, and loitering as only Hugh Grant can, beside a lake from which the sedge has unaccountably withered. Initially, we see him from a distance, because besides being an extremely photogenic lake, it has also been hired from the Duke of Marlborough at enormous expense, and it would be chucking money away not to have a good ten minutes of it before we close in on Hugh, to discover him not merely pale, but also haggard and woebegone. What can ail him? Is he withering like the sedge, suggesting that he has caught something off the lake? We know he has been in the lake, because his armour is hanging from a tree and his wet shirt is plastered to him, very fetchingly indeed. You can see his nipples. (Should you want to buy them, the poster will be the centrespread of that week's *Radio Times*.) The remainder of the episode is devoted to flashbacks concerning his recent crusade, lots of big battle scenes, several beheadings, two Saracen orgies, and a shot of King Richard telling him to return to England to check if the squirrel's granary is full and the harvest's done. On the trip home, he falls into a fever, giving rise to speculation, since there is a lily on his brow, that he might have caught something off a Saracen.

But with the opening of Part Two, we learn that it was in fact a faery's child that he met, her hair long, her foot light, her eyes wild, and her bust really terrific. There is much explicit footage now, to enable the tabloids to speculate whether Hugh and Jennifer Ehle (for it is she) pursued their relationship beyond the screen: each appears on 17 different chat shows to deny it, allowing Tesco's to shift 80,000 copies of the *Collected Poems*, newly jacketed with their names on the front and Keats's on the inside back flap. I have naturally kept the sweet moaning of the original, but interpreted the words "fragrant zone" broadly enough to encourage at least three leading women's magazines to publish readers' quizzes, *Sunday Sport* rings Mary Archer.

The rest of the episode finds them sharing a pacing steed, while Jennifer sings a faery's song which I fully expect to go straight to Number One. Part Three, of course, lingers on the activities back at her elfin grot, which I have been compelled to extend beyond kisses four, to encourage W H Smith to reorder, and ends with Hugh dropping off, not surprisingly.

He is still gorgeously asleep as Part Four opens, but is now dreaming a dreadful dream, albeit teeming with wonderfully palely-lit cameo roles, in which most of the top royal names in medieval society tell him about the affairs they have all had with this belle dame of his. It is possible that the tabloids, as is their appalling wont, may attempt to draw unsavoury parallels here, but they will winkle out nothing on the subject from me. I shall simply tell them to go out and buy the book. I am, after all, only doing this for poor Johnny Keats.

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Prince Charming

AN AUDIO-TAPE on which the Prince of Wales recites some of his favourite lines in Shakespeare shows His Royal Highness to have given a respectable performance as Prince Hal to Sir Robert Stephens's Falstaff. But behind the scenes, he had to be bullied — he was too decent for the part in rehearsals.

In *The Prince's Choice*, released today, he stars as the young Prince Hal in the tavern scene from *Henry IV*, in which he realises he can no longer remain a friend of Sir John Falstaff. Despite lessons with a voice coach, he struggled to be nasty enough. "The first thing I had to do was get through the innate niceness of Prince Charles," says the director Glyn Dearman. "He just sounded terribly nice. In the end I said 'How do you act when you get really angry?'"

Dearman adds that the Prince eventually "let rip" with such insults to Falstaff as "this bed-presser, this horse-back-breaker, this huge hill of flesh". But Sir Robert Stephens's wife, Patricia Quinn, suggests the Prince found difficulty in summoning his anger. She explained that he sympathised with the bearded old rogue: "He kept on saying 'I can't be angry with Falstaff. I like him too much.'"

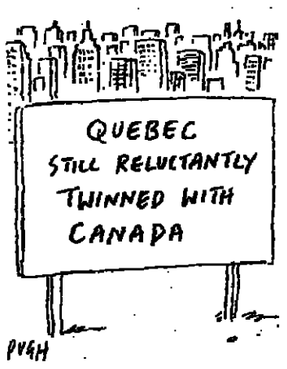
● *Richard Branson looked awful as he struggled through five courses at the launch of the new spa at Raymond Blanc's restaurant Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons on Monday. He was just back from a trip along the Zambezi river in Africa. "I came back with a gippy tummy, which made lunch a bit of a struggle."*

Acting up

MONACO'S Prince Rainier has been accused of slapping an impertinent American waiter after the man made disobliging remarks about Monégasque democracy. The 73-year-old Prince called the waiter over and struck him smartly on the head with an open palm.

Members of Monaco's royal family were in New York to raise funds for the Princess Grace Foundation, a charitable organisation in memory of the Prince's late wife. The venue was Pomp, Duck and Circumstance, a Manhattan restaurant with a circus theme. One of the waiters, Tim Ward, is employed to tour the tables and entertain diners with a fast line in repartee.

Mr Ward, seeing Prince Rainier amid the black-tie crowd, advanced on him with the words: "You're Prince Albert now, but if there were elections would you be Plumber Albert?" Warming to his theme, Mr Ward turned to other diners and said: "Hey! Look at the little piggy prince, eating with his fingers!" A report in New York's *Daily News* yesterday stated that Prince Rainier then found himself the target of a food fight. In the fray the Prince, his humour improving, cast a strawberry at Mr Ward. He then gestured to Mr Ward to advance, whereupon he struck.



Perm secretary

TOP BRASS at the Ministry of Defence may shudder over the lack of military experience of their Secretary of State, Michael Portillo. While at Harrow County Grammar School, the embryonic politician snubbed the institution's combined cadet corps, one of the largest in the country, because it would have meant having his hair cut.

Maurice Venn, who used to run the army section, says: "He was a member of a juvenile subculture. We had to spend an inordinate amount of time getting them to have their hair cut. He was under the prevailing flower-power left-wing views of young people at that time."

One's cabin

THE QUEEN was spared no luxury on her trip to New Zealand as the first British monarch to travel on a scheduled flight. As well as enjoying a specially installed divan bed and dining table and chairs, the sole occupant of the first-class cabin on flight NZ1 was able to sample the delights of airline food and goodie bags.

She picked at steamed lobster medallions, New Zealand lamb and potato cream and herb pie then settled into the in-flight movie *Rebel Without a Cause*. She's said to be a fan of James Dean.

Unamused

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER kept a low profile at the first night of *Prisoner Cell Block H* last Monday at the Queen's Theatre. Along with half the cast of *EastEnders* and Felicity Kendall, he sat back to watch the transvestite Lily Savage sing her way through the musical version of Australia's cult television programme.

But Lloyd Webber was less than impressed. The show hardly brought a smile to his coconut head, and he appeared reluctant to clap. "One must keep abreast of these modern artists," he said stoically. "It is essential to know what is going on in the modern theatre."

Top shot

THE DEATH of the Duke of Northumberland yesterday robs the country of one of the finest shots in the land. But his younger brother and heir, Lord Ralph George Algernon Percy, is no mean gun himself — featuring, as he does, in *The Field* magazine's Game-shooting First XI.



Lord Ralph Percy

"The shot I most dislike is a high curling pheasant in a strong wind — over my head, or to the left and curling away," he says. "I am happier with a steadier bird over my right shoulder." He adds that a good lunch does not much affect his performance.

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ULSTER OLD AND NEW

Trimble has seized the initiative from Sinn Fein

Despite its advance billing, yesterday's meeting between Martin McGuinness and Michael Ancram yielded no significant breakthrough in the Anglo-Irish peace process. Once again, a convicted IRA member warned a democratically elected minister of what will happen if the republican movement does not get what it wants. In Washington, meanwhile, David Trimble was breaking new ground, showing that Sinn Fein-IRA is not the only organisation that can take its message on tour. The shoe is now firmly on the other foot.

Since his successful visit to Dublin, the new Unionist leader has confounded his critics by putting the case for pragmatic Unionism in the capital city of the pan-nationalist front. Mr Trimble's election in September was widely interpreted as a blow to the peace process, an indication of the Unionist community's retreat to the bunker. In fact, the MP for Upper Bann has been a breath of fresh air. He is willing to defend his constituency to whoever will listen, wherever they choose. He wants to reform the Orange Order's relationship with his party. After years of stagnation and drift, the UUP has unexpectedly regained the initiative.

Sinn Fein, in contrast, can only repeat the hostile mantras of the past. Last week Gerry Adams alleged that the British Government had "reinforced the argument for physical force republicanism". This claim is so contemptible that it barely deserves to be addressed. In his three-point plan for IRA disarmament — the so-called "Washington principles" — the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, has done as much as any statesman could be expected to do to accommodate the paramilitaries' anxieties. Ministers have studiously avoided the word "surrender" in this context, demanding only that the men of violence hand over a token cache of arms and demonstrate their willingness to continue the process.

It now appears that the republican movement expects to be admitted to all-party talks on the second anniversary of the Downing Street declaration on December 15, after President Clinton's visit this month. Sinn Fein leaders should not forget paragraph 10 of the Downing Street declaration which expects "a permanent end to the use of, or support for, paramilitary violence".

While republicans obfuscate and dissemble, Mr Trimble is looking for fresh solutions to old problems. He is rightly keeping up the pressure for systematic disarmament. But he has also proposed an ingenious mechanism to hasten all-party talks.

The Ulster Unionist Party is now willing to discuss the future of Ulster with Sinn Fein across the floor of a special assembly, designed to facilitate the peace process rather than to run the Province. Its elected members would have a clear democratic mandate to negotiate the future of Northern Ireland. In Mr Trimble's words, Unionists would be obliged to recognise the legitimacy of Sinn Fein delegates, "at a time when they would not have fulfilled all the requirements of the declaration".

The UUP has made clear that the proposed convention would not be a new Stormont and would not have the administrative powers which nationalist politicians so fear. This is not a Trojan Horse concealing an "internal settlement". On the contrary: it is a profoundly imaginative way of bringing the republican movement to the table without reference to the disarmament process. It represents a generational change in Unionist politics. Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness ought to welcome this proposal with open arms. The fact that they have not shows how frightened they are of the people whose future they presume to dictate.

STAYING ON

Quebec elects to remain part of Canada — for now

So close was the vote in Quebec — and so nerve-racking the final stages — that had the referendum been a Test match the federalist victory would have been by one run off the last ball of the very last over. Monday's referendum, however, was no mere game: on it depended the political future of millions of Quebeckers, and the shape of Canada itself. As it transpired, a *crêpe*-thin majority declined to vote in favour of a sovereign independent Quebec, thus turning back at the ramparts the impassioned crusade of Lucien Bouchard and his separatist Bloc Québécois.

The reverse at the referendum seems not to have dimmed Mr Bouchard's light: "Keep hope," he told a dejected rally yesterday, "because the next time will be ours." It is not clear when the "next time" will come, although the frustrated separatist campaigner believes that it will be "sooner than we think". Mr Bouchard's combative language — and the less savoury utterances of Quebec's Premier, Jacques Parizeau — make clear that Canada's political establishment would do well not to mistake a victory in the referendum for an end to the separatist polemic. Nearly 50 per cent of those who voted did, after all, vote "yes": and even allowing for the relative opacity of the question that was set before the citizens of the province, the "yes" vote was certainly one for a *Québec libre*.

What will happen next? The answer, curiously, could lie in the text of the very question posed in the referendum: "a new economic and political partnership" with Canada. There is no reason why this should not be possible within the constitutional framework of the Canadian federation, without the outright separation from Canada which a numerical majority has now rejected. If other Canadians expect the "losing side" to accept a democratic verdict, then they too must accept that nearly half of Quebec is discontented. This discontent is a political reality from which Ottawa cannot escape, and to which it must respond: it is simply not good enough to say that Quebec's unhappiness has no apparent practical or rational basis.

Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister — who chose bravely to take on Mr Bouchard in the last, fevered week of the referendum campaign — has reacted sagely to yesterday's result. Addressing the divided citizens of the province on television, he declared that he understood their "deep desire for change", and promised immediately to "seek innovative solutions". What these solutions are, or could be, is still not clear. Canada's politicians, not those in Ottawa and Quebec alone but in each of the country's provinces, must now devise a better political geometry, one that accommodates reasonable Quebec concerns and also defuses the still-live pressure to secede.

There is no reason why this should not be possible, although Canada's written Constitution is likely to prove less malleable than an unwritten one might have been in comparable circumstances. The referendum was an exceptional example of democracy in practice — Mr Bouchard, let us not forget, would have been imprisoned for his views in nine out of ten of the world's countries, let alone being allowed to lead a campaign to within an inch of secession. Canada has demonstrated how even the most emotive of questions, that of federal and territorial integrity, can be addressed by civilised methods. Let those methods now work overtime for the country's unity and stability.

ROMANTIC HERO

Keats's poems are in better repair than his Hampstead house

Contrary to what John Keats wrote, it was not stout Cortez who first stared at the Pacific, but Balboa. And to compound the Keatsian licence, this ocean was not even known as the Pacific in Balboa's time. Our poet, clearly, was unsound on both history and geography.

Keats was unsound also on astronomy, common sense and life. Precisely what western islands do which bards hold in fealty to Apollo, and why? Discuss. What exactly can he have meant by the image of "thou still unravish'd bride of quietness"? His career was a disaster. He sold only 250 books during his life of fewer than 26 years. He attracted the most bitchy reviews in the history of criticism. Byron, from jealousy, called his work piss-a-bed poetry: "Such writing is a sort of mental masturbation, a bedlam vision produced by raw pork and opium." Croker, from lethal snobbery, put Keats down as a disciple of cockney poetry, "which may be defined to consist of the most incongruous ideas in the most uncouth language".

He was only five feet tall, emotionally as well as vertically challenged. His love affair with Fanny Brawne was frustrated, unconsummated and impossible because of his unpoverty and tuberculosis. There is even uncertainty about his birthday 200 years ago. The parish register of St Botolph's, Bishopsgate, records it as Hallowe'en. The family tradition, which Keats himself accepted, favoured October 29. The epitaph he composed for his tombstone in Rome goes: "Here lies one whose name was writ in water."

As usual, Keats got it wrong. His name is written in more enduring stuff than bronze. He has become the James Dean of poetry, tragic star of the Romantic, and still a hero for the young and irritation to the pedantic unpoetic. *On First Looking into Chapman's Homer* may be high-flown and historically rubbish. At the age of 20, having sat up all night reading Chapman's new translation of Homer, Keats dashed off his most famous sonnet in an hour. His language is still a royal road into poetry, with such collocations as planet "the wandering one" and the vivid image of it "swimming" into the ken of the watcher of the skies. It is still the most famous and best-loved, and perhaps the best, poem of the Romantic movement.

Wordsworth's house has been looked after well, as have those of the other Lakeland poets. Most other homes of English poets are preserved and sometimes, as at Stratford, over-commercialised for the literary tourist trade. Yet Keats's house in Hampstead rots with its 6,000 books, while Camden council procrastinates in order for the Charity Commission to allow the Corporation of London to take it over: there is no credit in this for anyone. The BBC romanticises Jane Austen and George Eliot, but neglects our greater Romantic. In spite of all such neglect, however, Keats lives on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why the domestic violence Bill should become law

From Miss Brenda M. Long

Sir, How disappointing that Conservative MPs have pressed for the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill to be shelved (report, October 27).

This is a Bill which has been under consideration by the Law Commission since 1989 and had been going through Parliament under the fast-track procedure. It is more of a consolidating than a reforming Bill and was well thought out to give proper protection to those suffering from violence or harassment.

It is quite wrong to say that the Bill "would have extended to unmarried women legal safeguards against domestic violence now restricted to wives". Under legislation dating back to 1976 (the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act) one of a couple living together as husband and wife can obtain an order against the other excluding them from the joint home or part of it for a period of time. However, such orders are considered by the courts to be draconian and therefore there must usually have been serious violence to obtain them. This would not be changed by the Bill.

The Bill would not give co-habitees the right to claim an interest in property in which they do not already have an interest. It would merely provide for them to live there alone for a limited period of time, free from violence, whilst alternative arrangements are made.

Currently, injunctions can be obtained under three different statutes and also ancillary to other civil remedies. Different courts have jurisdiction, different procedures apply and the protection which can be obtained varies. This Bill would have brought the remedies under one umbrella. It is legislation which the battered woman (or man), whether married or not, really needs.

Naturally the Government is anxious not to have its fingers burned again after the farce of the Child Support Act, but making an overnight decision to shelve a perfectly good piece of legislation without proper consideration is not the answer.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDA LONG,
Blandy & Blandy (solicitors),
1 Friar Street,
Reading, Berkshire.
October 27.

From the Principal and Chief Executive, NCH Action for Children, and others

Sir, Domestic violence is a serious social problem and a crime. The British Crime Survey 1992 estimated there are 530,000 assaults on women by men in the home each year. As child-care organisations, we are particularly concerned about the impact of domestic violence on children.

We are therefore deeply worried about the current uncertainty concerning the passage of the Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill through Parliament. In our view, this Bill usefully strengthens the protection available to women and children. We particularly welcome its introduction of the principle that a power of arrest should usually be attached to injunctions, allowing the police immediately to arrest someone who breaches their terms.

We believe that the Bill serves to support family life and advances the best interests of children. Children need security and stability at home, whatever the marital status of their parents. The Bill, if enacted, would help children living in violent situations to be safe in the short term, pending a full legal hearing about occupation of the family home and other related matters. It is no threat to longer-term property rights.

If the Bill is withdrawn the security of many children and their mothers will be jeopardised. What message does this give to those who perpetrate violence in our society?

Yours etc,
TOM WHITE
(NCH Action for Children),
JIM HARDING
(NSPCC),
IAN SPARKS
(The Children's Society),
M. J. TAYLOR
(Save the Children Fund),
NCH Action for Children,
Central Office,
85 Highbury Park, N5.
October 30.

A case for less pomp at Palace?

From Mr Philip Ray

Sir, I applaud the moves by Buckingham Palace to make the Court Circular more reader-friendly (Diary and letter, October 26). The next stage for its compilers should be to tackle the over-use of initial capital letters.

Today's Court Circular, for instance, reports the Arrival of the Irish President at Heathrow, while Prince Edward attended an Opening Night Reception and the Duchess of Gloucester went to a Concert.

It was left to the Duke of Kent to attend a (lower case) reception.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP RAY,
6 Cleve Terrace,
Lewes, East Sussex.
October 26.

From Mr Kenneth S. Solly

Sir, I share Dame Barbara Cartland's and your correspondent's resentment at the decision of Buckingham Palace to simplify the wording of Court Circulars. It can only be a retrograde step if the pomp and circumstance surrounding the authority of our royal house is to be eroded in this way; I would have thought those responsible had better and more pressing matters to occupy their time.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH S. SOLLY,
River Yarra, Ravens Road,
Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.
October 27.

From Mr H. H. Sebag-Montefiore

Sir, I read that the flowery prose of the daily Court Circular is to be pruned and made more appealing.

While retaining the title of Majesty for the Monarch, I wonder if the time has come for the abandonment of the lofty accolade of His or Her Royal Highness for princes and princesses.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD SEBAG-MONTEFIORE,
7B Vicarage Gate, W8.
October 26.

Illegal workers

From the Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, The General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress and others raise concerns (letter, October 30) about whether the Government intends to take steps to prevent illegal working by placing obligations on employers to check the immigration status of job applicants.

Although we have reached no firm conclusions we are concerned about the problem of illegal working. We believe the UK is becoming a soft target for people overseas seeking to work here illegally. Many of our European counterparts have taken measures to stop this kind of abuse — out of the 15 member states of the European Union 13 have already taken measures. In 1994 the Immigration Service detected 10,000 people working here illegally.

I do not believe that it is in the interests of good race relations or of the resident workforce — including those from the ethnic minority communities — to pretend that the problem does not exist.

Clearly we do not wish to see employers act as immigration officers. Any adverse impact on business would be kept to an absolute minimum. But we cannot ignore the role of the employers who control access to the labour market. We believe that most employers do not want to employ illegal immigrants and it need not be difficult for them to establish the status of an applicant by choosing from a range of documents. We are clear that any proposals should make use of documentary records which employers already keep.

We welcome the debate that is taking place and want to hear the views of all those closely concerned. What we hope to do very soon is to sort out the issues in a consultation paper which will explain the Government's proposals and invite views from employers, trade unions and other interested parties, including those who signed the letter to you, on how the problem can best be tackled to the advantage of the whole nation.

Yours faithfully,
ANN WIDDECOMBE,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
October 31.

Stone Age diet

From Mr Anthony Legge

Sir, Professor Boyd Eaton may generalise a little too much ("History lesson in healthy eating", report, October 27). At this latitude (above 55°N) it is very probable that the "late palaeolithic cuisine" of 15,000 years ago was heavily dependent upon mammals.

The fragmented bone remains of the hunters' prey show that great care was taken to extract all available fats from them and, by analogy with hunters of the recent past, the judgment of meat quality was directly proportional to its fat content.

While I would not challenge Professor Boyd's nutritional advice, the diet that he describes is more characteristic of tropic and sub-tropic latitudes. The ancestors of the more northerly European peoples may well have eaten quite large amounts of fat, perhaps tempered, where possible, by fish consumption. Even so, the limited evidence suggests that life expectancy is somewhat greater now.

Yours sincerely,
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October 27.

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Good and bad in bus deregulation

From the Shadow Transport Minister

Sir, I was amused to read Steven Norris's remarks (letter, October 26) on the semantics of Graham Searjeant's article on bus deregulation (October 24). The result of this ten-year-old social experiment has been increased congestion, higher bus prices, a tripling of the number of buses in poor condition, ridership reduced by 25 per cent and many of our towns turned into battlefields for cowboy operators.

Whether it is straightforwardly called "re-regulation" or whether one tries to disguise it as "smoothing the operation of services", the fact is that new measures to stop restrictive practices, to reduce pollution on our high streets and to cut fares are desperately needed.

If Mr Norris's working party doesn't take the necessary action to correct the glaring defects of deregulation, an incoming Labour government will not shirk the task.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM ALLEN
(MP for Nottingham North),
House of Commons.
October 26.

From Mr Brian Cox

Sir, Your article on bus deregulation paints an only partially recognisable picture.

Unfortunately, the missing parts of the story are the benefits brought about by deregulation and privatisation — such as today's full order books for bus manufacturers, the many instances of new services provided without cost to the public purse, and the increase in rural bus use since deregulation, as demonstrated by the Department of Transport's own figures.

Yes, overall bus patronage *has* fallen outside London since deregulation, but it is now falling at the slowest rate for over 20 years. Much of the fall was caused by the cessation of politically motivated low-fares policies in metropolitan areas after 1986 and the hardest recession for many years. My company, and others, have now reversed the decline and are showing passenger increases.

It seems to me silly to talk of ending the "experiment" after it has gone through its period of trauma and is now showing real dividends — indeed, "blossoming", as Steven Norris says.

I welcome tougher regulation of vehicle quality: this is the biggest single step necessary to bring competition on to a sensible basis and generate sustainable benefit to the consumer, whose interests are often forgotten in all the dogma — pro or anti — about deregulation. This, along with some of Steven Norris's other suggestions on improving standards, would enable bus operators to develop even further.

We at Stagecoach will continue to invest in new buses and improved services, and let our increasing numbers of passengers be the judge.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN COX
(Executive Director),
Stagecoach Holdings plc,
20 Charlotte Street, Perth.
October 26.

Ostrich farming

From Mr Philip Lymbery

Sir, I am appalled that in a half-page eulogy about ostrich farming, not one mention has been made about the welfare considerations of these giant birds ("Speculators risk their necks on ostriches", October 28).

Ostriches are exotic and essentially wild animals. They are not only dangerous, requiring licensing under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, but are also easily frightened and potentially difficult to handle. They are adapted for life on the wide open plains of Africa, not small, barren paddocks in lowland Britain.

If this infant industry takes off, it raises the possibility of ostriches being transported over long distances. The American Ostrich Association regards the transport of ostriches as being "dangerous and stressful for both man and beast". This was confirmed recently with the death of 21 ostriches en route from Devon to Manchester airport.

With investment money apparently pouring into ostrich farming, it seems strange that the small matter of exactly where and how ostriches will be slaughtered in Britain remains an unanswered question.

With concern for animal welfare amongst the general public at an all-time high, it seems incredible that a new livestock industry could start up in this country without the implications for the welfare of the animals involved being fully thought through.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP LYMBERY
(Campaigns Director),
Compassion in World Farming,
Charles House, 5a Charles Street,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
October 30.

Baptism choice

From Mr Alan M. Linfield

Sir, Mr C. E. R. Blackwell asserts (letter, October 30) that baptism is "essential if there is to be salvation". However, we should remember that Christ was able to comfort the penitent thief crucified alongside him with the words "today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke xxiii, 43).

Yours faithfully,
A. M. LINFIELD,
23 Highfield Road,
Tring, Hertfordshire.
October 30.

From Mr Roger Carswell

Sir, When the Apostle Paul was asked by the Philippian jailer, "What must I do to be saved?", the answer was given: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts xvi, 31). He and his household believed, were saved and only then were baptised. Baptism is the "badge" of believing.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER CARSWELL,
15 Stirling Crescent,
Horsforth, Leeds,
West Yorkshire.
October 30.

Detail in government

From Mr J. D. Rimington

Sir, The central difficulty of the "Next Steps" concept of accountability in government (letter, October 25) is the highly political nature of the *detailed* outputs of government, affecting as they generally do the rights, liberties and pockets of the citizen.

There is no way of systematically disconnecting this detail from "policy" considerations, as your correspondents Professor and Mrs Caines seek to do when they — or the Next Steps document — refer to "that area in which a clear distinction between operations and policymaking can be drawn". There are no such areas, and the head of an agency and his principal subordinates have to be, or to become, policymakers pretty damn quick if they are to survive.

Until recently, a degree of inefficiency and confusion was always considered a necessary price for democratic arrangements within which ministers neither will, nor can, keep away from the detail.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RIMINGTON,
9 Highbury Hill, N5.
October 25.

Popular sculpture

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir, Having praised a particular work of the sculptor, Rosalind Stracey, what a pity that Mr M. B. Stathers (letter, October 26) should go on to lump together materials which some artists have employed in recent years and to consider their use in art as somehow inferior. Fresh plaster and powdered colour pigments are not very glamorous either until treated inventively by a Michelangelo.

I have reservations about certain works of art, both ancient and modern, myself; however, I do not believe that artistic expression and integrity should be dependent on public approval. Were they ever?

Give me notoriety in art rather than popularity any time. I would rather the confrontational and direct statement of creatures suspended in formaldehyde (report, October 30) than the sometimes mawkish, anthropomorphic creatures of Landseer.

There is little doubt, however, which way a postal or telephone vote would go: open competition by all means — but public approbation is entirely another matter.

Let's leave the artists to enrich and extend their language, and ours; it is not their job to pander to public taste.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PITTUCK,
62 Dunmow Road,
Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.
October 30.

Practical research

From Professor J. B. Kinson

Sir, I am surprised by the attitude of Professor Seville and others (letter, October 28) to fundamental physics research. It may be true that no great financial benefits have yet come from the study of quarks. However the universe (including ourselves) is made of quarks, so it is clearly of interest to understand the basic laws of nature that govern their behaviour.

When Faraday and others investigated the basic laws of electromagnetism, this was fundamental physics research with no obvious applications. Indeed the technologists of the time (such as blacksmiths) probably complained that the physicists did not "earn their daily cornflakes", and contrasted this with the large annual amount spent on horseshoes. However, it is now difficult to imagine the modern world without electricity.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KINSON,
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October 29.

Triumph of Prejudice

From Mr Dorian R. W. Baker

Sir, Would that all television script-writing and direction were as faithful, subtle and economical as *Pride and Prejudice*. Vain hope. But if other television producers studied this series and its ratings they might be gracious enough to admit that we are not as dumb as they usually take us to be.

Yours faithfully,
DORIAN R. W. BAKER,
The Limes, 633 Wellsway, Bath, Avon.
October 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WELLINGTON
October 31: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, this morning viewed the Stitchbird breeding programme on Mokoia Island, Lake Rotorua.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 31: The Princess Royal this morning visited the factory of Strathaird Quality Seafoods, Grantown-on-Spey, Inverness-shire.

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended a Fund-raising Luncheon at Highland Distilleries, Glenturret Distillery, the Hosh, Crieff, Perthshire, and afterwards visited the Perth and Kinross Carers Centre, the Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, this evening attended a Reception to launch British Executive Service Overseas Scotland at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 31: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, held a meeting of the Institute's Projects Office at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a Reception at the Accademia Italiana to launch the book *Viterbo, Santa Maria in Gradi*, commemorating The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture's Urban Design Task Force Project for 1994.

His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for the Countryside Foundation at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, later attended a Dinner for the Trust's South Africa Initiative at Copthall Avenue, London EC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Foundation for Conductive Education, this morning opened the new National Institute of Conductive Education at Cannon Hill House, Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, this afternoon visited the Society's Headquarters at 42 Ebury Street, London SW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 31: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Suffolk and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (The Lord Belstead).

In the morning His Royal Highness visited the Seckford Foundation's Robert Tile Building at the Abbey School and subsequently opened the extension to Jubilee House, Seckford Almshouses, Seckford Street and the Redstone Building at Woodbridge School, Woodbridge.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester opened the new Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Reception given by Friends of Action Research for Miss Betty Parsons, at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 31: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning opened the UK/Brazil Joint Business Council Meeting, Firjan, Rio de Janeiro.

His Royal Highness later opened the new premises of Cultura Inglesa, Avenida das Americas, Rio de Janeiro, and this evening attended a reception at the end of the Deep Offshore Technology Exhibition given by the British Offshore Supplies Office, the Sheraton Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Duchess of Kent, President, NCH Action for Children, this evening attended a reception at Chester Square, London SW1.

RHS autumn show

Pumpkins capture Hallowe'en spirit

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A MAMMOTH display of pumpkins at the Royal Horticultural Society's autumn flower show captures the spirit of Hallowe'en.

Grown by Caroline Boisset, of Castle Donington, Leicestershire, the colourful gold-medal collection includes squashes, marrows and gourds totalling over 60 cultivars. Most are of American origin and range from the heavyweight pumpkin "Atlantic Giant" to the mini "Sweetie Pie".

Nerines from the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, Surrey, form another highlight of the show, which opened in Westminster yesterday. They are mainly *Nerine sarniensis* (Guernsey lily) cultivars and hybrids for growing under glass. The range of colours now available included many vibrant orange shades and dusky purples such as "Eve" and "Hotspur". Bicoloured cultivars are prominent, too, and particularly eye-catching is the pink and purple striped "Lavandu" — a far cry from the original pink.

The show is strong on autumn colour from trees, shrubs and perennials. Burncoose Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, is showing correas, unusual evergreen shrubs from Australia and New Zealand with pendulous tubular flowers. They flower from autumn to spring — outdoors in mild gardens only, otherwise in a cool conservatory. The Burncoose display won a gold medal.

A new bud-blooming heather (which means that the flower buds do not open, so that it resembles a Cape heath, except that it's hardy) is being shown by Bodiam Nursery, of Robertsbridge, East Sussex. *Calluna vulgaris* "Alexandra", launched this autumn, produces masses of crimson flowers.

One of the first dwarf cultivars of *Aster novae-angliae* is being featured by the Cuckoo Pen Nursery, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, in its exhibit of herbaceous plants. This new Michaelmas daisy, which is resistant to mildew, grows to about 14 in high and bears rich purple flowers.

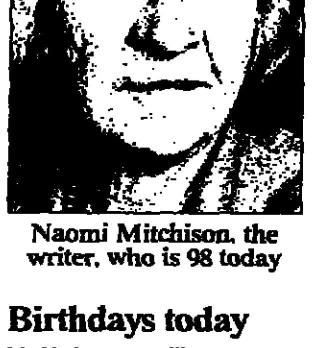
A collection of autumn-flowering hardy cyclamen has been staged by the Cyclamen Society, of Ewell, Surrey, that includes some unusual forms of the popular *Cyclamen hederifolium*: one with scented flowers and another with red-pink blooms known as Ruby Strain or "Rosenteppich" (the usual colour is light pink).

Complementing the autumn colour is a collection of conifers from Lincluden Nursery, of Bisley, Surrey, also colourful in their own way, such as *Pinus radiata* "Aurea" with fine bright yellow and green needles and *Pinus flexilis* "Firmament", whose erect needles are blue. Among exotic plants at the show, a collection of cacti and succulents from Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne, Lincolnshire, has been awarded a gold medal.

Because it is a good year for ornamental fruits and berries, and because autumn leaf colour is late, the RHS competition for ornamental plants is well supported. First prize for trees and shrubs with autumnal fruits has been won by the Sutton Place Foundation, of Sutton Park, Guildford, Surrey, with *Callicarpa bodinieri* (violet berries), *Cotoneaster franchetti* (orange-red), *Malus x robusta* (flame shades) and *Euonymus europaeus* (pink and orange). The National Trust's Winkworth Arboretum, of Godalming, Surrey, has won the Stephenson Clarke cup for trees and shrubs with autumnal foliage. Its exhibit is a study in flame shades and comprises *Fothergilla major*, *Rhus trichocarpa*, *Cotinus obovatus* and *Acer rubrum*.

The following artists have been awarded gold medals: Cherry-Anne Lavrih, of Isleworth, Middlesex (water-colour and gouache paintings of orchids); and Camilla Speight, of Camberwell, London (pen and ink drawings of orchids and climbing plants).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.



Naomi Mitchison, the writer, who is 98 today

Birthdays today

Mr Umberto Agnelli, former deputy chairman, Fiat, 61; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, former Lord Mayor of London, 61; Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, former Master, Churchill College, 76; Admiral Sir John Bush, 81; Mr Terence Cuneo, painter, 88; Miss Victoria de los Angeles, opera singer, 72; Mr Michael Denison, actor, 80; His Honour George Dobry, QC, 77; Miss Tazeena Firth, designer, 60; Mr Nigel Fox Bassett, former senior partner, Clifford Chance, 66; Mr Bruce Grocott, MP, 55; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 83; Mr David Harris, MP, 58; Mr D.C. Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 73; Sir Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat, 72; Mr Andrew Knight, former executive chairman, News International, 56; Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former MP, 70; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 98; Mr Nick Owen, broadcaster, 48; Mr Gary Player, golfer, 60; Mr John Pullen, rugby player, 54; Mr James Ramsden, former MP, 72; Mr Gerald Ratner, former chief executive, Ratners Group, 46; Lord Strabolgi, 81.

Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls

There will be a Memorial Service for Professor Sir Rudolf Peierls, Kt, CBE, FRS, MA, Wykeham Professor of Physics, 1963-1974, Fellow of New College, 1963-1974, Emeritus Fellow, 1974-1980, Honorary Fellow, 1980-1995, in the Sheldonian Theatre on Saturday, January 20, 1996, at 2.30pm.

Luncheons

King's College London
Lady Liddell Hart was the host at a luncheon on October 31 to mark the centenary of the birth of her late husband, Captain Sir Basil Liddell Hart. Among the guests were:
Professor Sir Michael Howard, Field Marshal Lord Carver, the Hon Alan Clark, Sir Frank Cooper, Professor Lawrence Freedman, General Sir John Hackett, Professor Brian Bond, Professor Alex Danchev, Mr Max Hastings, Earl Jellicoe, Mr Bernard Levin, Miss Patricia Methven, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Professor Robert O'Neill and Mr Peter Simkins.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technolgy, presided at a luncheon discussion and lecture given by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Office of Science and Technology and the Foundation for Science and Technology at the Royal Society yesterday. Dr Ben Ngubane, South African Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, was the speaker.

Reception

British Safety Council
Ms Judith Church, MP, was the host at a reception for the British Safety Council's Diploma in Safety Management and Associateship of the Faculty of Risk Management awards held yesterday at the House of Commons.

Service dinner

The London Scottish
Colonel J.A. Clemence, Regimental Colonel of The London Scottish Regiment, presided at the annual Hallowe'en dinner held last night at 95 Horseferry Road. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, also spoke. Among others present were:
Gen Sir Charles Guthrie, Gen Sir Edward Burgess, Lieut-Gen Sir Henry Leask, Lieut-Gen Sir Peter Graham, Maj-Gen Sir Robert Corbett, Col Sir Paul Newall, Maj-Gen A I G Kennedy, Maj-Gen I C Mackay-Dick, Brig B A M Pielow, Brig P C Bowser, Col R M Wilde, and the Master of the Distillers' Company.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Prime Minister of Hungary.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts last *night at a dinner held at City Hall. Among those present were:*
The Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora Barbosa, the Swiss Ambassador and Mme Nordmann, Mr Roger Freeman, MP, and Mrs Freeman, Sir Stephen and Lady Egerton, Sir David and Lady Ford, Sir Oliver and Lady Popplewell, Professor and Mrs Terence Burlin, Mr and Mrs Robert Flach, Mr and Mrs Gavin Henderson, Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, the Very Rev Michael and Mrs Mayne and Mr and Mrs Kevin Taylor.

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine
Professor Sir William Asscher, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom, and Lady Asscher, with Dr John Domenet, Immediate Past President, and Mrs Domenet, were hosts at the Annual Dinner of the Faculty held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, on October 31. Dr Till Medinger, President of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, was the Principal Guest. Among others present were:
The President of the Royal College of Physicians and Lady Turnberg; the President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and Mrs MacKay; the Dean of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine; the President of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine and Dr Sidney Crown; the Foundation President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine and Lady Goldberg; the Chairman of the Medicines Commission and Mrs Lawson; the Director of the Medicines Control Agency and Mrs Jones; the Chairman of the British Association of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Mrs Gennery; the Director of Medicine, Science and Technology of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry and Mrs Wells; Dr Trevor Jones, Professor David London and Dr John Nimmo, who had been elected Honorary Fellows of the Faculty at an earlier ceremony.

Glass Sellers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Glass Sellers' Company at the Mansion House last night. Mr Alan S. Miller, Master, presided. The Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire were among those present.

1912 Club
Mr John Maples was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night in the House of Commons by invitation of Mr Roger Sims, MP, chairman of the club.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Miss Ann Lewis, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner last night at 1 Lambeth High Street.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of The Prince's Trust, will visit *Pillgwenlly primary school, Newport, Gwent, at 10.40 in support of the trust* volunteers; will visit the Victorian Garden restoration project at Kensington Place, Newport, at 11.35; as Chairman of The Prince of Wales Committee, will present the Committee's awards at the Newport Centre at 12.05; will view restoration work on the Magor Pill Boat in Splott, Cardiff, at 2.10; and, as Chancellor of the University of Wales, will open the new Talybont students' residences at Maindy, Cardiff, at 2.50. Later he will be the host at a reception for the Festival of Arts and Culture and the London Arts Season at St James's Palace at 6.30.

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Special Projects Group, will attend a reception and dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals, will visit the 30th Signal Regiment at Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote, Nuneaton, at 10.30; and will attend the presidential dinner of the Royal Geographical Society at Goldsmith's Hall at 7.50.

Princess Margaret will attend the reunion dinner of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at the Café Royal at 7.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Civil Service Sports Council, will open the new recreation centre at Chadwick Street, SW1, at 11.45.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Rowans Hospice, Waterlooville, Hampshire, at 2.30.

St Andrews Ball

The St Andrews Ball will be held in London on Friday, December 1. There will be a pre-Ball session at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, November 2. Ball tickets are £30. Dinner tickets £10 extra from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0QQ. Tel: 01962 771352. Fax: 771667.

Visit

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter and Lady Levene, yesterday visited the Sternberg Centre for Judaism in Finchley.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Green and Miss A.M. Craven
The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of Mr Trevor Green, of Chessington, Surrey, and Mrs Pauline Sexton, of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, and stepson of Mrs Anne Green, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Craven, of Doune, Perthshire.

Mr R.B. Hobhouse and Miss L.H. Alsop
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr Henry Hobhouse and the late Mrs Pamela Hobhouse, of Lower Hadspen, Somerset, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Alsop, of East Tytherton, Wiltshire.

Mr J.A. Huntington-Whiteley and Miss M.L.C. Evans
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Huntington-Whiteley, of Charlwood, Surrey, and Magdalen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Evans, of London, W11.

Mr W.J. Keag and Miss A.M. Pickard
The engagement is announced between William James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Walter Keag, of Newtownards, Northern Ireland, and Alison Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Pickard, of Burley-in-Wharfedale, West Yorkshire.

Mr T.W.J. Lezard and Miss R. Grundy
The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Lezard, of Tortworth, Gloucestershire, and Ruth, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Grundy, of Little Petherick, Cornwall.

Mr P.C.L. Parker and Miss J.E. Irving
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr Brian Parker, of Twickenham, London, and of Mrs Janet Hall, of Dartmouth, Devon, and Jane, younger daughter of Professor Sir Miles and Lady Irving, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr A.M.D. Penn and Miss F.J.O. Mlinaric
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of the late Mr Michael Penn and of Mrs Pamela Penn, of Blackheath, London, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Mlinaric, of Spargrove, Somerset.

Mr A.J.S. Rogers and Miss E.M-L. Radcliffe
The engagement is announced between Alex, eldest son of Mr B. Rogers and the late Mrs Rogers, of Dyfed, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Radcliffe, of Hampshire.

Mr M.L. Thomas and Miss S.L. McCreery
The engagement is announced between Max, younger son of Mr Gervase Thomas, of Victoria Square, London, and Mrs Jane Thomas, of Fulham, and Selby Laura, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert McCreery, of Stowell Hill, Templecombe, Somerset.

Mr A.G.J. Spooner and Miss J. Dearie
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Sir James and Lady Spooner, of Pytchley, Northamptonshire, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Dearie, of Mississauga, Ontario.

Major M.R. Walton and Miss R.A. Podger
The engagement is announced between Major Mark Walton, MC, Royal Horse Artillery, son of the late Mr R. Walton and of Mrs P. Walton, of Annesley Woodhouse, Nottingham, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Podger, of King's Worthy, Winchester.

Captain T.K.W. Welch and Miss A.J. Rigden
The engagement is announced between Captain Thomas Welch, The Light Infantry, only son of Canon Michael Welch, MBE, and Mrs Welch, of Swanmore, Hampshire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rigden, of Colston Bassett, Nottinghamshire.

Mr M.C. Wigan and Miss L.A. Mostyn
The engagement is announced between Michael Christian, son of the late Major Derek Wigan and of Mrs Derek Wigan, of Foxhole Farm, Sussex, and Louise Avice, daughter of the late Major Edwin Mostyn, MC, and of Mrs Avice Mostyn, of *Kames Lodge*, Berwickshire.

Mr D. Zuill and the Hon Emma Howard
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs William Zuill, of Adelaide, Australia, and Emma, youngest daughter of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, of Colonsay, Scotland, and Lady Jane Howard, of London.

Marriages

Mr D. Appleton and Miss S. Church
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 21, at the Holy Innocents Church, Great Barton, Suffolk, of Mr David Appleton, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Appleton, of Roydon, Norfolk, to Miss Sophie Church, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Church, of Great Barton, Suffolk. The Rev Kenneth Holder officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucinda Barbero and Charlotte Appleton. Mr Charles Appleton was best man.

Mr P. Welch and Miss E. Shepherd
The marriage took place on Sunday, October 22, at Haileybury College, of Mr Peter Welch, son of the Rev Grant Welch, of Loughton, Essex, and Mrs Rosie Welch, of Northampton, and Miss Emma Shepherd, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Shepherd, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire. Dr Rustam Al-Shahi was best man.

Memorial service

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, MP
The Prime Minister and the Speaker were present at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Geoffrey Dickens, MP, held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by Canon John Sykes, Vicar of Oldham, who led the prayers.

Dame Jill Knight, MP, and Mr Derek Conway, MP, read the lessons. Ms Dianne Core, National Chairman and Founder of Childwatch, paid tribute and Sir Marcus Fox, MP, gave an address.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham, the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale and the Chief Executive of Oldham Borough Council, attended. Among others present were:
Mrs Dickens (widow), Mr Clive Dickens (son), Mr and Mrs Barry Dickens (son and daughter-in-law); Lord Blaker, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord Weatherill, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, Sir John Hannam, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Robert Rhodes James.
Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mr Alan Duncan, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, Mr John Ward, MP, Mr Nicholas Bennett, Mrs Sheila Faith, Mr and Mrs D Lawton, Mr and Mrs Robert H Smith, Mr John Smoker.
Mr John Hudson, Mr and Mrs L Firth, Mr and Mrs F Dover, Dr D Atherton, Mrs H Bennett, Mr and Mrs R Capener and Mr H Wild (Littleborough and Saddleworth Conservative Association), Mr J Simpson (Lancashire Federation of Conservative Clubs), Mr Stanley Windle (North West Area Conservative Clubs Advisory Council), Mr J J Fallon (Gallipoli Association) and Mrs Fallon and Mr D R Taylor (Oldham Athletic AFC) with many other friends and colleagues.

Memorial meeting

Dr D.E.C. Eversley
A memorial meeting to commemorate and celebrate the life and work of Dr David Eversley, social researcher, was held yesterday at Friends House, NW1. Mr John Holtom, Society of Friends, Dr Barbara Smith, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Birmingham University, Mr Walter Bor, Mrs Muriel Nissel, Mr Richard Bate, Council for the Protection of Rural England, and Mr Stephen Dale gave addresses. Many members of the family, friends and former colleagues attended.

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BIRTHS

BRUNKER - On October 24th at The Wellington Hospital, to Paul and Maggie, a daughter, Mary-Grace Clare, a sister to Benedict.

CAMERON - On 14th October 1995, in Australia, to Kerry and Kenneth, a son, Nicholas Calum, a brother for Katie and Jamie.

COWDRILL - To Emma (née Conwell) and Mark, a son, Isaac Robert MacDonald Calvin.

FITZGERALD - To Debbie (née Willcox) and Kieran, a beautiful daughter, Imogen Mary, 7lbs 10oz, born at 2.27 am on Friday 27th October 1995 at the Homerton Hospital, London.

GODFREE - On 27th October, to Amanda (née Turvey) and Andrew, a son, Felix Frederick, a brother for Cosmo.

GOLEMBO - On October 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Gillian and Jeff, a daughter, Alexandra Kate, sister for Charlotte Olivia, 4th grandchild for Betty and Bernie Marks and Bea Golembo (S.A.).

HARDING - On 26th October, to Karen (née Claydon) and Neil, a son, Jack Anthony, a brother for Sophie.

HEILLING - On September 28th, in Watford, to Samantha (née North) and Graham, a son, Alexander Luke Joshua.

HICKMAN - On 3rd October, in New York, to Andrea (née Hudson) and Matthew, a son, Sebastian John Matthew.

JAKEMAN - To Christine and Roger on 19th October in Rouen, a son Simon Oliver.

LUMLEY - On October 11th 1995, to Yvette (née Dotrice) and John, a son, Oscar William Dotrice, a brother for Cordelia and Phoebe.

MAY - To Julian and Anne (née Hicks) of Long Melford, Suffolk, a beautiful daughter born on Monday 23rd October 1995, Olivia Emmy, a sister for Molly.

MURRAY - On October 16th at Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, to Wendy (née Florence) and Keith, a daughter, Emily Annie Florence, born at 9.24 pm weighing 6lbs 13oz.

MYTHEN - On October 30th at Duke University Medical Center, N.C. U.S.A., to Kate (née Ogden) and Michael (Monty), a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, sister for Patrick.

PRICE - On 24th October, to Claire (née Banwell) and Nick, a daughter, Imogen Anna, a sister for Charlie and Georgina.

ROZELLE - On 27th October, at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, to Amanda and Keith, a beautiful son, Michael James.

SONING - To Julia and Jamie, a son, Harry Nathan, born on 29th October 1995 at The Wellington Hospital.

STIRLING - Iona Grace Tean on 25th October born to Susan (née Foster) and Oliver, a sister for Rufus.

SWADLING - On 27th October 1995, to Lorna (née Cameron) and William, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

TANKERVILLE CHAMBERLAYNE - On 21st October 1995, to Susan (née Thomas) and Patrick, a daughter, Hope Viola, a sister for Constance.

TATE - On 28th October, to Caroline (née de Bertodano) and Mark, a daughter, Perdita, a sister for Sebastian and Tarquin.

VILLABUEL - On October 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Michele and Derek, a beautiful daughter, Emma, a sister for Zoe.

WAUD - On 27th October, to Sarah (née Robinson) and Stephen, a son, Maximilian Gilbert.

WEEDEN - On October 27th, 4.32 am at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Handy) and Craig, a son, Samuel Larkin, born at last! 7lbs 11oz.

DEATHS

BEAUMONT - On October 29th 1995, peacefully at The Richardson's Hospital, Barnard Castle, Barbara Carolyn Mary. Dearly beloved wife of Elyot, loving mother of Isla, Valeri, Iona and Carron. Dearest daughter of Andrew and Mary Pearson and sister to Christopher. Funeral private. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

BENJAMIN - Herbert Louis (Ben), aged 77 at home in London on October 30th 1995. Beloved husband of Joyce, father of Jenny and Bunny, grandfather of Ben, Pippa, Jessica, Eliza, George, Nick and Kate. Private family funeral at All Saints Stanhoe. Donations to Macmillan Nurses or Marie Curie Nurses in lieu of flowers c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 6LA.

BOWEN - Timothy James Glyn, on Sunday 29th October aged 49 at Charing Cross Hospital. Son of the late Glyn and Mali Bowen, dear brother of Christine and devoted uncle of Daniel. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.15am on Monday 6th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Intensive Care Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, c/o Co-operative Funeral Services, 68 Parsons Green Lane, Fulham, London SW6 4HU, tel: (0171) 736-2939.

CLARK - On 28th October 1995, peacefully at Branksome Park, Commander Ronald Harrison Senior Clark R.N. (retd), aged 86. Funeral Tuesday 7th November, 2pm at Poole Crematorium. Cut flowers or, if preferred, donations for Seal Parish Council Pavilion Fund c/o Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

DRINKWATER - Diana, beloved mother of Rosabel, on 27th October 1995. Cremation at 12 noon 2nd November at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Age Concern Hereford.

EVANS - On 27th October 1995, peacefully in Pashill Park Nursing Home, Kathleen (Kate/Kay) née Armstrong, aged 92. Late of Haywards Heath. Dearly loved wife of the late Charles Evans, CMG, and mother of Mark, Elizabeth (Stokes) and the late David. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath on Friday 10th November 1995 at 12 (noon). Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the Order of St John Treasury, (for the Ophthalmic Hospital of Jerusalem), 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EF.

GILL - The Hon. Charlotta Gill. In Los Angeles on 29th October after a short illness. Aged 47. Beloved wife of Dr. Herbert Gill and dearest mother of Julia. Much loved daughter of Lord Hunt of Tanworth and the late Hon. Mrs Hunt, stepdaughter of Lady Hunt and sister of Michael and Martin. Cremation private. Memorial Mass in London to be arranged later. R.I.P.

GULLAND - Herbert Miles, passed peacefully away on 29th October 1995, aged 94 years. Private funeral service.

HANAN - Hugh William Irvine. On October 28th at Meadowcliff, Mevagissey, Cornwall. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Fiona and Hugh and Family Doctor. Private cremation.

HAXTON - On October 24th 1995 peacefully at her home in Gislingham, Sheila Margaret aged 64 years, formerly of Banham. Daughter of the late Norah and Andrew Haxton, stepdaughter of Elizabeth, sister of the late Susan. Funeral Service at Gislingham Church on Friday 3rd November at 12.30pm followed by cremation. Flowers, or donations for St Nicholas Hospice and Gislingham Church may be sent c/o Rackhams Funeral Service, Stanley Road, Diss, Norfolk.

HILES - Margaret Kathryn on October 28th 1995 in hospital, Margot of Downton Farm, near Shrewsbury, a much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Lucia's Church, Upton Magna, on Friday November 3rd at 11.30 am, followed by interment in the churchyard. Enquiries to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son (01743) 344646.

HOLMES - On 30th October 1995, Hugo Holmes, died peacefully at home aged 51. Dearly loved husband of Victoria and father of Robert and Benjamin. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research Campaign, Salcombe Branch c/o John D. Andrews and Son, Fore Street, Kingsbridge, South Devon.

HORSBRUGH - Mrs Wilhelmina Margaret: Peacefully in hospital on 29th October 1995 aged 92. Elder daughter of C.E. Horsbrugh, WS and Mrs Marion Horsbrugh (née Barns-Graham). Cremation at Perth Crematorium at 10.45am on Saturday 4th November, 1995, followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Fillans Episcopal Church, Killin at 12.30 pm, to which all friends are invited.

HUNT - See Gill.

KEANE - Brigadier W. McK (Mac) Keane C.B.E., on Saturday 28th October in his 99th year. Formerly Captain and President, St Enodoc Golf Club, Rock, Cornwall.

MATTHEWS - Ian Patrick Ward, dearly loved son of Harold and Diana and brother of Rohan, Freya and Hugh, died suddenly in hospital on 26th October 1995 after a long illness bravely borne.

MOSELEY - Zofia Bifiska of St Mawes, peacefully on October 30th at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice. Poet and Benefactor, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. A gallant lady whose light and inspiration will be greatly missed especially in Cornwall and mourned with great love by all who knew her. Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, St Mawes, on Saturday November 4th at 2 pm, followed by burial at St Just-in-Roseland. Flowers and donations if desired for Mount Edgcumbe Hospice may be sent c/o the Funeral Directors W.J. Bewetherick & Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, tel: (01872) 74021.

NORD - Gwyneth M. (née James), M.Sc. (Wales), Ph.D. (Oxon) died in Copenhagen 28th October 1995.

NORTHCOTT - Jessie, died peacefully in Cambridge on October 29th aged 90. Will be greatly missed by Alison and Andrew, grand and great-grandchildren and friends. Funeral Monday November 6th at 1.30 pm Emmanuel Church, Cambridge. Family flowers. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. if desired.

PANTER - Thomas Anthony "Tony" on October 28th 1995 peacefully at home, beloved husband of Maggi, loving father and grandfather. A former member of Special Forces Club (S.O.E.) and a member of B.B.M.E. and H.K.S.B. Service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, on Monday 6th November at 12.45 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Hanningtons F/D, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, tel: (01273) 778733.

PRIDEAUX-BRUNE - See Stephens.

RANSFORD - Robert Holden (Bob) on 28th October 1995. Died of cancer, peacefully, at St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, aged 77. Loved and sadly missed. Funeral Friday 3rd November 1.30 pm at the Church of St Lawrence, Great Waldingfield, Suffolk.

RICHARDSON - On October 26th, William Eric, beloved husband of Mary, devoted father of Michael. Funeral Tuesday November 7th. Enquiries to Tovey Bros. F/D, 9 Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent, tel: (01633) 266848.

ROCK - Mary on 28th October very peacefully at St Peter's Residence, South Lambeth, in the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor, aged 93, after a full life and last illness, patiently borne. Beloved Nanny to many children. Requiem Mass 10am Tuesday November 7th at St Peter's Residence, 2A Meadow Road, London SW8 1QH. Flowers or offerings to Little Sisters of the Poor.

ROSE - Anthony Frederick of Barningham, Suffolk, aged 83 years. Former Hong Kong Police Officer and Far Eastern Prisoner of War. Funeral Service at Barningham Church, November 7th at 2 pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or donations if preferred for Far Eastern Prisoner of War Club c/o R. Hogg & Son, Coney Weston, Suffolk.

SALTER - On October 27th 1995, peacefully at Canford Cliffs Nursing Home after a long illness bravely borne, Sheila Salter (formerly Trustram-Eve), the beloved wife of Jimmy, dear mother of John and Bill, a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother, and dearly loved by her step-family. Her love and gentleness will never be forgotten by all her family and many friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Tuesday November 7th, 3.30pm at Poole Crematorium, Dorset. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, (01202) 309609.

SANGUINETTI - Ethel Nancy Barbara, on 29th October 1995, very peacefully in her 96th year, at Croft House, Great Dunmow, Essex: private cremation: memorial service at St Mary's Church, Great Canfield, Great Dunmow, Essex on 24th November at 2 pm.

SHERLOCK - On October 29th, Cecil Ernest Sherlock M.B.E. (Military) twice mentioned in Dispatches, died peacefully in hospital. Dearest husband of Jean, adored father of Jane and father-in-law of William, much loved grandfather of Alexandra, Caroline and Michael. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday 7th November at 12.30 pm.

SMYLY - On 31st October, Lt-Col. Richard Patrick Pilkington, late 13th/18th Hussars, died peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Jill, dear father of Tessa and wonderful grandfather. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service Monday 6th November 11.30 am at St Mary the Virgin, Eccleston. No flowers. Donations to Riding for Disabled.

STEPHENS - Cynthia Mary Denise (née Prideaux-Brune). Died peacefully Shrewsbury, 29th October. Beloved wife of Brian and loved mother of Nicholas, Hugo and Ceceley. Funeral private.

SWAIN - Nicholas Jon suddenly on 27th October, dearest son of Wendy, brother of Jonathan and Simon.

THOMPSON - On 27th October, peacefully at home in her 99th year, Heather, widow of Kenneth, dearly loved mother of Sheila and the late Doreen and sister of Bobbie. Much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday 6th November 2.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society c/o Cooksley & Son, 1 Wallscote Road, Weston-super-Mare.

TRUSTRAM-EVE - See Salter, Sheila.

TUOHY - On 27th October after a short illness, Janet Elizabeth, beloved wife of Michael and mother of Andrew, Katie and Frances and grandmother of Alexandra. Funeral Service 1 pm at St Mary's, Cresswell Park, Blackheath, London SE3. Flowers to Francis Chappell, 4 Lee High Road, London SE13.

WALKER - On 27th October at Arthur's Court Residential Home, Somerset. Josephine, widow of James and mother of the late Sue. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wedmore, at 12 noon on Monday 6th November. Donations in her memory for The Oxford Animal Sanctuary c/o Mr Adrian Forsey, Funeral Director, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

WILKINSON - On 30th October, passed away peacefully at home aged 76 years. Canon Raymond. Rector of Solihull from 1971-1987. Much loved husband of Dorothy, father of Francis, Andrew, Mark and Paul. Funeral Service takes place at St Mary's Church, Warwick, on Friday 3rd November at 3 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Barnardos c/o W.G. Rathbone, 6 High Street, Warwick.

WILSHER - Helen Marjorie passed away peacefully on October 27th in Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, aged 83 years. "A great heart finally gave up". Sadly missed by her nephew Michael and her many friends. Cremation to take place on Tuesday 7th November at Easthampstead Park Crematorium at 12 noon, followed by a buffet lunch at the Frimley Hall Hotel. No flowers please. Donations to the Critical Care Appeal at Frimley Park Hospital will be welcomed c/o Camberley & District Funeral Services, (01276) 33241.

WOODCOCK - Cleever Fitzgerald, only son of the late Dr. Henry C. Woodcock of Southgate. On October 29th 1995, peacefully after a short illness in Perth, Western Australia. Dearly loved by all his family.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HALL - Philip Hall, for many years Headmaster of Sussex House Preparatory School, Chelsea. The Funeral will take place at 10.20 am on Friday November 3rd at Haycombe Crematorium Whiteway, Bath. (Jolly's Funeral Directors) Tel: 01225-426 822.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEPTONSTALL - A service in memory of Hugh Heptonstall will be held at the Collegiate Church of St Peter and St Paul, Howden, East Yorkshire, at noon on Friday 17th November.

MOSELY - John de Sola, Memorial Services to be held on Sunday 19th November at 6 pm at Lauderdale Road Synagogue, 2 Ashworth Road, Maida Vale and on Tuesday 21st November at noon at Clifton College Chapel, Clifton.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FOSTER - Leslie Francis, Schoolmaster, 1st August 1917 - 1st November 1985. Loved and remembered by his family always, especially today.

WALLIS - Richard A.F. Remembering my beloved husband, who died on 1st November 1993. R.I.P. Yvonne.

WEBB - Gale, 1st November 1918 - 2nd June 1995. Dearest friend, sadly missed.

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TINA GORDHAM for overcoming illness & with hard work passing her law exams at the first attempt.

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD TAYLOR

Harold Taylor, CBE, theoretical physicist, university administrator and scholar of Anglo-Saxon architecture, died on October 23 aged 88. He was born on May 13, 1907.

HAROLD TAYLOR was one of that small group of New Zealanders who have contributed so much over the last half century to knowledge of Anglo-Saxon England and the English inheritance. For Taylor this was an interest developed in the context of a sequence of wholly different careers — and one which only emerged in public in 1965 with the appearance of the first two volumes of *Anglo-Saxon Architecture*, written in collaboration with his first wife, Joan (née Sills).

For more than thirty years Taylor was the central figure in the architectural and archaeological approach to the study of Anglo-Saxon churches, bringing to an inchoate field the precision of description and lucidity of exposition won from his long experience as a theoretical physicist and academic administrator.

Harold McCarter Taylor was born in Dunedin, New Zealand, of Scots and Northern Irish Presbyterian parents, and educated at Otago Boys' High School and the University of Otago, where he took a first in mathematics and physics. Coming to England in 1928, to Clare College, Cambridge, he took the second part of the Mathematics Tripos in 1930, was Wrangler with Distinction in Section B, and began research under Nevill Mott. His first paper, published in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society* in 1931, was on the interaction between alpha-minus particles, as deduced from their scattering, and he won a Smith's Prize the next year.

This was followed by major papers in the *Proceedings* as first author with Mott in 1932 and 1933 on the internal conversion of gamma-minus rays, a line of work initiated in 1927 by Bertha Swirles (Lady Jeffreys).

The next eight years were devoted to research in theoretical physics, and after 1936 increasingly to teaching and faculty administration, and to preparation for war.

Taylor had been commissioned in the New Zealand Territorial Army in 1925 at the age of 18. In England he continued in the TA, joined up in the Royal Artillery, and in July 1941 took the eighth war gunnery staff course at the School of Artillery at Larkhill.

On the second day when most students were still overawed at being there at all, the Instructor in Gunnery, commissioned in 1919, was having much difficulty explaining the difference between the rocking bar and the independent-line-of-sight systems. "To our horror ... one student asked if he could help which he did in two minutes flat and with absolute clarity. The IG's comment was, 'Thank you — now we *all* know'." Taylor went on to become Senior Instructor in Gunnery at Larkhill. Ending the war as a lieutenant-colonel, he was awarded in 1946 the J. H. Lefroy Gold Medal for "furthering the science and application of artillery", the first non-regular officer to receive it.

In 1945 the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge asked Taylor to offer himself for the post of Treasurer of the University. He was to remain at Cambridge for 16 years, first as Treasurer, and then for a further eight years as Secretary-General of the Faculties. All the qualities seen in his earlier work were now placed at the service of the university. The breadth of his interests appeared not only in reports on future policy but especially in suggestions for joint courses in arts and sciences.

This reflected his own intellectual journey from theoretical physics to the study of Anglo-Saxon architecture, first displayed in the late 1950s in lectures to undergraduates studying Archaeology and Anthropology. His audiences were mostly prehistorians, but he did them the honour of supposing them as fascinated as he was by these little-known churches. He won their interest and respect for clarity and detail in analysis, through his dry wit and enthusiasm in presentation. He was appointed CBE in 1955.

In 1961 Taylor was appointed Principal of the University College of North Staffordshire, becoming the following year the first Vice-Chancellor of the new University of Keele. Here he deployed to the full his view that the role of the administrator was to serve scholarship rather than direct it. Modest, embodying the Cambridge manner, precise, courteous, undramatic, orderly, his great contribution was the imposition of discipline in administration.

One of his first acts was to establish a Vice-Chancellor's fund to help members of the university in need. In 1963 he set up a counselling service, covering educational, vocational and personal needs, the first of its kind in the country. He was very much respected, still regarded by some as the best Vice-Chancellor the university has had. But as a kindly man whose firm Christian faith shone through all he did, and being somewhat of the old school, Taylor could not be entirely happy with the changes that were taking place among students in the 1960s. It was a time also of personal tragedy for him with the death of his wife in January 1965. Only weeks later the first two volumes of their joint work, *Anglo-Saxon Architecture*, were published. The following year he married his personal assistant, Judith Samuel, but at 60 the time had come to retire and in 1967 he returned to Cambridge.



There now followed two decades of some of the most productive work in his long career. Taylor's interest in Anglo-Saxon architecture had begun soon after arriving in England. For over three decades he and Joan had travelled the country by bicycle and car to visit and record more than 400 churches in which traces of Anglo-Saxon work were thought to have survived. When not travelling, his first wife worked day after day in the university library systematically combing the thousands of volumes of the proceedings of national and local archaeological societies for the slightest reference to Anglo-Saxon structure. At Keele, as publication of the volumes containing the results of this great pilgrimage of scholarship approached, he and his wife got up before dawn to carry on the work, but Harold Taylor never failed to reach the Vice-Chancellor's office by 9am.

The two volumes of their *Anglo-Saxon Architecture* (1965) set out to provide "for the future ... a more comprehensive and exact record than would otherwise be available." In this they succeeded. But they also hoped "to build up a more precise system of dating than has hitherto been possible for pre-Conquest churches".

Taylor, now ably assisted by his second wife Judith, set himself the retirement task of achieving this system. Sadly, though, in the third and final volume of *Anglo-Saxon Architecture* (1978) he had to conclude that "the time is not ripe for firm pronouncements about the dates of more than a handful of the buildings described in [the] first two volumes". The third volume concentrated instead "on establishing a well-defined group of Anglo-Saxon churches and analysing all their features in detail". Taylor contributed to this more sceptical view, now generally held, in a series of nearly fifty papers and notes published between 1965 and 1987.

In these years he also encountered archaeological excavation, and moved from being a lone worker high on a ladder with measuring instruments of his own devising to being a member of the teams he so enthusiastically and generously supported. At Deerhurst with Professor Philip Rahtz and L.A.S.Butler in the early 1970s, and above all at Repton with the Biddles from 1974 to 1988, Taylor embraced the disciplines and approaches of a new method of inquiry with all the acuteness and perception he had brought to theoretical physics half a century earlier.

Taylor kept working well into his eighties, having celebrated his eightieth year by climbing the steeplejack's ladder to the top of Repton's 200ft spire. Latterly he began to fail and during the devastating illness of his last two years his suffering and Judith's were greatly relieved by the generous and loving care they received at the nursing home where he spent his time. The love of the Scriptures never left him, and to them he could still respond.

He is survived by his second wife, Judith, and by the two sons and two daughters of his first marriage.

TERRY SOUTHERN



Terry Southern, novelist and screenwriter, died in a New York hospital on October 29 aged 71. He was born in Alvarado, Texas, on May 1, 1924.

THOUGH he is best remembered these days for his contribution to the scripts of two very different Sixties cult films, *Dr Strangelove* and *Easy Rider*, Terry Southern's impulses as a writer had their roots in the previous decade. In his three Fifties novels *Candy, Flash and Filagree* and *The Magic Christian*, Southern had already revealed himself as a fully-fledged satirist of the no-holds-barred school.

Candy (1956), written with Mason Hoffenberg, was denounced as pornographic, and it was some years before it was available in unexpurgated editions in the United States or Britain. Even in France, where it was first published under the frankly pornographic imprint of Maurice Girodias, it was thought outrageous and de Gaulle's Government tried to have it suppressed.

To be sure, *Candy* was a somewhat over-extended jig danced on the bones of Voltaire's *Candide*. Its bed-hopping heroine, who is unable to distinguish between the good, the bad or the ugly, carries the girl-can't-help-it theme several encounters too far. But as satire it deserves to be judged by the mores of its times (after all, the *Lady Chatterley's Lover* trial had not yet taken place; authors were understandably using their elbows in the literary drawing room). And it does contain some priceless lines, notably Candy's shocked discovery of the identity of the Saddhu-style lover with whom she is intending seriously to extend her spiritual horizons: "Good grief, it's Daddy".

Certainly, *Candy* did not deserve its tasteless metamorphosis to film (1968), which managed to press-gang into service a cast including Richard Burton, Marlon Brando, Walter Matthau and John Huston, and leave not a reputation unmangled.

After the success of his first three novels Southern tended to channel his creative effort into screenwriting. There will be a good deal of argument as to just how much he contributed to the war satire *Dr Strangelove* (1963) with its skeins of peerless lines, as the President of the United States calls his Soviet counterpart and engages in a debate as to who is the more genuinely sorry that Moscow is about to be destroyed by an inadvertent US thermonuclear attack. But the association with such a critical success did him no harm (his co-writers were the film's director Stanley Kubrick and Peter George, the author of the novel *Red Alert*, on which the film was loosely based).

Southern was again in screenwriting harness for *Easy Rider* (1969), this time with the actor Peter Fonda and the director Dennis Hopper. This massive cult success shows little sign of his particular verbal gifts. But the reputation it gained its writing trio helped to carry him through lean years when his creativity dried up. After twenty years in the doldrums he finally resurfaced after a fashion with a novel *Texas Summer* in 1992.

The son of a pharmacist, Southern first intended to be a doctor, but his studies to this end at Southern Methodist University were cut short by the Second World War. He served for two years in the US Army in Europe. At the end of that time he had decided on a literary career and, after three years at the University of Chicago and at Northwestern, he went to Paris where he studied at the Sorbonne.

He also began to write, at first under the influence of Céline and Kafka, and published his first stories in the *Paris Review*, vehicle for the work of many American expatriate writers at that time. In 1952 he returned to America where he settled in New York's Greenwich Village. By this time he had discovered the novels of Henry Green whose influence he always acknowledged.

Flash and Filagree, which closely followed *Candy* (though since publication of the latter was held up so long it is effectively his first), is perhaps his masterpiece. It is erotic without being tiresome. One of its scenes, a seduction in a car at a drive-in movie, is worthy of Green at his best. The later *Blue Movie* is by comparison a nerveless, jaded exercise.

In the meantime the publication of *Candy* in the US in 1964 had ended Southern's years of indigence. The cinema now beckoned, and as it has done with so many writers before, probably destroyed him. *Dr Strangelove* stands out in a list of film titles that contains much else that is flaccid or conventional. *The Cincinnati Kid* (1965) — Steve McQueen playing two hours of poker against Edward G. Robinson — had its moments, but few of them had to do with Southern's writing talents. *Barbarella* (1968) was a meretricious confection of futurist mumbo-jumbo, which was very largely a vehicle for the frequent disrobing of the comely Jane Fonda. *Easy Rider*, though it sharply observed much of what constituted contemporary America, allowed its hippy protagonists to escape in a haze of sentiment which was quite uncharacteristic of Southern at his satirical peak.

Southern never really recovered the creative edge he had possessed in the Fifties. He was ruefully to admit of writing scripts for Hollywood: "As far as exercising any creative control over your work, you can forget it. You have the power of persuasion, and that's it." His most recent novel, *Texas Summer*, was roughly handled by the critics. Hollywood high living had taken its toll and as a Dallas paper recently said of him, he looked increasingly "like the lone survivor of a train wreck".

His marriage to Carol Kauffman was dissolved. He is survived by his son and his longtime companion Gail Gerber.

KENNETH DADZIE



Kenneth Dadzie, Ghanaian diplomat and United Nations official, died of a heart attack in London on October 25 aged 65. He was born in Accra on September 10, 1930.

AN ADROIT tactician and progressive diplomat, Kenneth Dadzie was the first African to hold a series of high offices in economic and social fields within the United Nations. Picking his way skilfully through ideological minefields, he became known for his ability to bring about consensus while never losing sight of his own development mission.

As Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad), an organisation focusing on the economic interests of the Third World, he played a crucial role in challenging developed and developing countries to take new initiatives in solving global problems of growth and development, breaking through the barriers of the North-South divide which, before his appointment, had slowly brought international development co-operation to a grinding halt.

Dadzie argued for the liberalisation of trade, embracing the idea of open markets and progressive policies in the private sector. Moderate but committed, and with a refreshing breadth of vision, he fought for agreement on improved international debt strategy, always challenging (yet never rashly discarding) prevailing orthodoxies.

Yet Dadzie learnt by gruelling experience how difficult it is to reform an unwieldy and recalcitrant organisation such as the UN. Industrialised countries, particularly the United States, became increasingly critical of Unctad, regarding it as anti-Western and unproductive. Its former emphasis on development through transfer of resources from rich to poor nations found no echo in a climate dominated by George Bush's "new world order" of the early 1990s.

Dadzie's powers were gradually cut away as Unctad's role was diluted to one in which the discussion of domestic policies such as honest government, political freedoms and environmentally sustainable development became the principal issues. The abandoned child of a new international economic order, at the top of most Western governments' hit-list for abolition, he was progressively sidelined by Boutros Boutros Ghali before leaving the post when his term of office ended in 1994.

Kenneth Kweku Sinaman Dadzie was educated first at Achimota College, Gold Coast (now Ghana), and then at Queens' College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in the Economics Tripos in 1952. Returning to the Gold Coast, he then joined the Civil Service where he gained experience in various posts of high responsibility before being selected for the Ghanaian foreign service in 1956 — looking outwards perhaps at a time when his own country floundered in the mires of post-colonial economic chaos.

From 1956 onwards he became Ghana's deputy permanent representative to the UN and from 1960 to 1963 its representative to the Security Council. He then went on to represent Ghana permanently at the UN office in Geneva, concurrently serving as Ambassador to Austria and Switzerland.

Closely associated with milestones in the evolution of the UN, Dadzie worked on issues concerning decolonisation with the Organisation of African Unity and, from 1971 to 1973, he was closely involved with the UN assistant secretary-general for Inter-agency Affairs and Co-ordination before eventually himself becoming, in 1978, the first Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation.

When he was removed from this position by Pérez de Cuéllar in 1983, just a year after de Cuéllar had come into office, African ambassadors to the UN complained about racial discrimination and set up a committee to monitor their continent's representation in the secretariat. Although Dadzie's value was well recognised by his own country — he was made Ghana's High Commissioner in London — perhaps it was this complaint which instigated his appointment in 1986 to be Secretary-General of Unctad, a post to which he brought all the acquired skills of a career diplomat together with the non-aggressive disposition of his nation.

When his term of office ended in 1994 he returned to the post of High Commissioner in London. To do a good job, it was said, was not enough for him. He was in pursuit of excellence.

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FEAR SWEEPS INDIA AFTER ASSASSINATION OF MRS GANDHI

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN, DELHI

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, died yesterday in a hail of Sten gun and revolver bullets directed at her by Sikhs among the police guards who were supposed to be ensuring her security.

The assassination of a leader so powerful and dominant immediately plunged the country into a feverish fear for its integrity and unity, but administrative and party leaders moved swiftly to ensure political continuity by having her elder son, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, sworn in as Prime Minister.

As he did so, anguished mobs began to take revenge against Sikhs in the streets of the capital. No deaths have been confirmed but there was evidence late last night of their violence in vehicles overturned on streets.

Mr Gandhi appeared on television and appealed for calm. He also asked the country for its support in his new responsibilities. Dressed in a white homespun shirt, with an open neck, he read his speech in a rather hurried monotone. "We should remain calm and exercise maximum restraint. We should not let our emotions get the better of us, because passion clouds judgment."

Mrs Gandhi was killed in the grounds of her own home as she walked towards a wicket gate that separates her house, 1 Safdarjang Road, from its neighbour housing her staff offices on the corner of Akbar Road.

Waiting for her there was a team from Irish television including the British actor Peter Ustinov, who was about to interview her for a programme sponsored by Unicef.

As she came towards her assassins, two of them greeted her with a *namaste*, a bow with the hands pressed together: she returned the traditional greeting. The third, Sub-Inspector Beant Singh of the Delhi Armed Police, fired at her with his revolver. As she fell the other two began firing. Constable Satwant Singh emptied 30 rounds of his Sten gun at her as she lay on the ground.

Both he and Inspector Beant were themselves shot by other guards. Beant Singh died, Satwant Singh was taken to hospital, where he was said to be recovering. The third assailant was overpowered unharmed.

"They sounded to me like fire crackers at first, but later I realised they were weapons firing," said Mr Ustinov, who was held at the residence for five hours and only released when the authorities were certain that his team had not filmed the assassination.

Mrs Gandhi was rushed to the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences. She was operated on for four hours but never regained consciousness and died at 2.30pm local time. She would have been 67 this month.

On Tuesday, in one of her last public statements, Mrs Gandhi had spoken of dying in the service of India. "Even if I died in the service of the nation, I would be proud of it," she said. "Every drop of my blood, I am sure, will contribute to the growth of this nation and to make it strong and dynamic..."

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ON THIS DAY

November 1, 1984

Riots swept India after Indira Gandhi's assassination. In four days more than 1,000 people died. Mrs Gandhi's son Rajiv, who succeeded her, was killed in a bomb explosion in 1991.

Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Political dismissal breaches fundamental freedoms

Vogt v Germany

(Case No 7/1994/454/535)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, L. E. Pettiti, R. Macdonald, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, S. K. Martens, E. Palm, I. Foighel, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Morenilla, M. A. Lopes Rocha, G. Mifsud Bennici, D. Gotchev, P. Jambrek, K. Jungwiert and P. Kuris

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(Judgment September 26)

A teacher's dismissal from the Lower Saxony civil service on account of her political activities on behalf of the German Communist Party (DKP) had breached articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights held by 10 votes to nine.

Article 10 provides:

"1 Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent states from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises.

"2 The exercise of these freedoms, since it carries with it duties and responsibilities, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society, in the interests of national security, territorial integrity or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, for the protection of the reputation or rights of others, for preventing the disclosure of information received in confidence, or for maintaining the authority and impartiality of the judiciary."

Article 11 provides:

"1 Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests.

"2 No restrictions shall be placed on the exercise of these rights other than such as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security or public safety, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. This article shall not prevent the imposition of lawful restrictions on the exercise of these rights by members of the armed forces, or the police or of the administration of the state."

On February 1, 1979 the applicant, Mrs Dorothea Vogt, who taught German and French in a state secondary school at Jever, Lower Saxony, was appointed to a permanent teaching post as a civil servant with tenure for life (*Beamtin auf Lebenzeit*). A report drawn up in March 1981 found that both her professional qualifications and her performance were fully satisfactory. Ms Vogt had, by her own account, been a member of the DKP since 1972.

After a preliminary investigation, the Weser-Ems regional council instituted disciplinary proceedings against her on July 13, 1982 on the ground that she had failed to comply with her duty of political loyalty (*politische Treuepflicht*) as a result of the various political activities in which she had engaged since the autumn of 1980.

Three statements of charges, drawn up on July 15, 1985, February 5 and December 2, 1986, listed Ms Vogt's public political activities on behalf of the DKP that were considered to be incompatible with her status as a civil servant.

On August 17, 1986 the Weser-Ems regional council provisionally dismissed Ms Vogt and from October of that year she was paid only 60 per cent of her salary.

On October 15, 1987 the Disciplinary Division of the Oldenburg Administrative Court found that the applicant had failed to comply with her duty of political loyalty in that she had played an active role in a party that pursued anti-constitutional aims. It ordered that she be dismissed as a disciplinary penalty.

On March 18, 1988 Ms Vogt appealed against that judgment to the Lower Saxony Disciplinary Court. The appeal was dismissed by a judgment of October 31, 1989, which upheld the lower court's decision in all respects.

On December 22, 1989 she lodged a complaint with the Federal Constitutional Court. On August 7, 1990 a panel of three judges declined to accept her complaint for adjudication as it did not offer sufficient prospects of success.

With effect from February 1, 1991 Mrs Vogt was re-employed as a teacher in the school education service of the *Land* of Lower Saxony. Prior to that, the *Land* Government had repealed the decree on the employment of extremists in the civil service (*Ministerpräsidenten-Beschluss* also known as the *Radikalenerlass*) in Lower Saxony.

The application was lodged with the European Commission on February 13, 1991. It was declared admissible on October 19, 1992.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew up a report on November 30, 1993 in which it established the facts of the case and expressed the opinion that there had been violation of articles 10 and 11 and that it was not necessary to examine the application also under article 14 (thirteen votes to one).

The case was referred to the Court by the Commission and the German Government on respectively March 11 and 29, 1994.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

I Article 10

Mrs Vogt maintained that her dismissal from the civil service on account of her political activities in the DKP had infringed her right to freedom of expression secured under article 10 of the Convention.

A Whether there was an interference

The Court reiterated that the right of recruitment to the civil service was deliberately omitted from the Convention. Consequently, the refusal to appoint a person as a civil servant could not as such provide the basis for a complaint under the Convention.

That did not mean, however, that a person who had been appointed as a civil servant could not complain on being dismissed if that dismissal violated one of his or her rights under the Convention. Civil servants did not fall outside the scope of the Convention.

In articles 1 and 14, the Convention stipulated that "everyone within [the] jurisdiction" of the contracting states had to enjoy the rights and freedoms in Section I "without discrimination on any ground".

Moreover, article 11.2 *in fine*, which allowed states to impose special restrictions on the exercise of the freedoms of assembly and association by "members of the armed forces of the police or of the administration of the state", confirmed that as a general rule the guarantees in the Convention extended to civil servants: see the *Glasenapp* and *Kosiek v Germany* judgments of August 28, 1986 (Series A No 104 p26, paragraph 49 and No 105 p20 paragraph 35).

Accordingly, the status of permanent civil servant that Mrs Vogt had obtained when she was appointed a secondary school teacher did not deprive her of the protection of article 10.

The Court considered, like the Commission, that the present case was to be distinguished from the cases of *Glasenapp* and *Kosiek*. In those cases the Court analysed the authorities' action as a refusal to grant the applicants access to the civil service on the ground that they did not possess one of the necessary qualifications.

Access to the civil service had therefore been at the heart of the issue submitted to the Court, which accordingly concluded that there had been no interference with the right protected under article 10.1: see *Glasenapp* and *Kosiek* p27 paragraph 53 and p21 paragraph 39).

Mrs Vogt, for her part, had been a permanent civil servant since February 1979. She was suspended in August 1986 and dismissed in 1987, as a disciplinary penalty, for allegedly having failed to comply with the duty owed by every civil servant to uphold the free democratic system within the meaning of the Basic Law.

According to the authorities, she had by her activities on behalf of the DKP and by her refusal to dissociate herself from that party, expressed views inimical to the above-mentioned system. It folows that there was indeed an interference with the exercise of the right protected by article 10 of the Convention.

B Whether the interference was justified

It therefore remained to establish whether the dismissal in issue satisfied the requirements of article 10.2, in other words whether it had been "prescribed by law", whether it had pursued one or more legitimate aim or aims as defined in that paragraph and whether it had been "necessary in a democratic society" to attain such aims or aims.

1 "Prescribed by law"

The Court noted that the Federal Constitutional Court and the Federal Administrative Court had clearly defined the duty of political loyalty imposed on all civil servants by the relevant provisions of the Federal legislation and the legislation of the *Länder*, including section 61(2) of the Lower Saxony Civil Service Act.

2 Legitimate aim

The Court observed that a number of the contracting states imposed a duty of discretion on their civil servants. In Germany the duty of political loyalty had a special importance because of the experience of the Weimar Republic, which led to the desire to set up a "democracy capable of defending itself" in 1949. The applicant's dismissal therefore pursued a legitimate aim for the purposes of article 10.2.

3 "Necessary in a democratic society"

(a) General principles

The Court reiterated the basic principles laid down in its judgments concerning article 10:

(i) Freedom of expression constituted one of the essential foundations of a democratic society and one of the basic conditions for its progress and each individual's self-fulfilment.

Subject to article 10.2, it was applicable not only to "information" or "ideas" that were favourably received or regarded as inoffensive or as a matter of indifference, but also to those that offended, shocked or disturbed; such were the demands of that pluralism, tolerance and broadmindedness without which there was no democratic society.

Freedom of expression, as enshrined in article 10, was subject to a number of exceptions which, however, had to be narrowly interpreted and the necessity for any restrictions had to be convincing established: see *Handyside v United Kingdom* (December 7, 1976; Series A No 24 p23, paragraph 49); *Lingens v Austria* (July 8, 1986; Series A No 103 p26 paragraph 41); and *Jersild v Denmark* (September 23, 1994; *The Times* October 20, 1994; Series A No 298 p26, paragraph 37).

(ii) The adjective "necessary", within the meaning of article 10.2, implied the existence of a "pressing social need". The contracting states had a certain margin of apreciation in assessing whether such a need existed, but it went hand in hand with a European supervision, embracing both the law and the decisions applying to it, even those given by independent courts.

The court was therefore empowered to give the final ruling on whether a "restriction" was reconcilable with freedom of expression as protected by article 10.

(iii)The Court's task, in exercising its supervisory jurisdiction, was not to take the place of the competent national authorities, but rather to review under article 10 the decisions they delivered pursuant to their power of appreciation.

That did not mean that the supervision was limited to ascertaining whether the respondent state exercised its discretion reasonably, carefully and in good faith; what the Court had to do was to look at the interference complained of in the light of the case as a whole and determine whether it was "proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued" and whether the reasons adduced by the national authorities to justify it were "relevant and sufficient": see *Sunday Times v United Kingdom (No 2)* (November 26, 1991, *The Times* November 27, 1991; Series A No 217 p29, paragraph 50).

In so doing, the Court had to satisfy itself that the national authorities applied standards which were in conformity with the principles embodied in article 10 and, moreover, that they based their decisions on an acceptable assessment of the relevant facts: see *Jersild* p26, paragraph 31).

Those principles applied also to civil servants. Although it was legitimate for a state to impose on civil servants, on account of their status, a duty of discretion, civil servants were individuals and, as such, qualified for the protection of article 10 of the Convention.

It therefore fell to the Court, having regard to the circumstances of each case, to determine whether a fair balance had been struck between the fundamental right of the individual to freedom of expression and the legitimate interest of a democratic state in ensuring that its civil service properly furthered the purposes enumerated in article 10.2.

In carrying out that review, the Court would bear in mind that whenever civil servants' rights to freedom of expression was in issue the "duties and responsibilities" referred to in article 10.2 assumed a special significance, which justified leaving to the national authorities a certain margin of appreciation in determining whether the impugned interference was proportionate to the above aim.

(b) Application in the present case of the above-mentioned principles

In the present case the Court's task was to determine whether Mrs Vogt's dismissal corresponded to a "pressing social need" and whether it was "proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued".

To that end, the Court examined the circumstances of the case in the light of the situation existing in the Federal Republic of Germany at the material time.

The Court proceeded on the basis that a democratic state was entitled to require civil servants to be loyal towards the constitution. In that connection, it took into account Germany's experience under the Weimar Republic and its position in the political context of the time.

Nevertheless, the absolute nature of that duty was striking. No other member state of the Council of Europe appeared to have imposed such a strict duty of loyalty and even in Germany it had been construed and implemented differently in the *Länder*.

The Court pointed out that there were several reasons for considering dismissal of a teacher to be a very severe sanction: the effect on the reputation of the person concerned, the loss of livelihood and the virtual impossibility in Germany of finding an equivalent post.

Mrs Vogt was a teacher of German and French in a secondary school, a post which did not intrinsically involve any security risks.

The risk lay in the possibility that, contrary to the special duties and responsibilities incumbent on teachers, she would take advantage of her position to indoctrinate or exert improper influence in another way on her pupils during lessons.

Yet no criticism was levelled at her on that point. On the contrary, the applicant's work at school had been considered wholly satisfactory by her superiors and she was held in high regard by her pupils and their parents, and also by her colleagues; the disciplinary courts recognised that she had always carried out her duties in a way that was beyond reproach.

Indeed, the authorities only suspended the applicant more than four years after instituting disciplinary proceedings, thereby showing that they did not consider the need to remove the pupils from her influence to be a very pressing one.

Since teachers were figures of authority to their pupils, their special duties and responsibilities to a certain extent also applied to their activities outside school.

However, there was no evidence that Mrs Vogt herself, even outside her work at school, actually made anti-constitutional statements or personally adopted an anti-constitutional membership of the DKP, the posts she had held in that party and her candidature in the elections for the parliament of the *Land*.

Mrs Vogt consistently maintained her personal conviction that those activities were compatible with upholding the principles of the German constitutional order.

The disciplinary courts recognised that her conviction was genuine and sincere, while considering it to be of no legal significance, and indeed not even the prolonged investigations lasting several years were apparently capable of yielding any instance where Mrs Vogt had actually made specific pronouncements belying her emphatic assertion that she upheld the values of the German constitutional order.

A final consideration to be borne in mind was that the DKP had not been banned by the Federal Constitutional Court and that, consequently, the applicant's activities on its behalf were entirely lawful.

In the light of all the foregoing, the Court concluded that, although the reasons put forward by the government in order to justify their interference with Mrs Vogt's right to freedom of expression were certainly relevant, they were not sufficient to establish convincingly that it was necessary in a democratic society to dismiss her.

Even allowing for a certain margin of appreciation, the conclusion had to be that to dismiss Mrs Vogt by way of disciplinary sanction from her post as secondary school teacher was disproportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

There had accordingly, Judges Bernhardt, Golcuklu, Matscher, Loizou, Mifsud, Bonnici, Gotchev, Jungwiert, Kuris and Jambrek dissenting, been a violation of article 10.

II Article 11 of the Convention

The applicant also complaint of a breach of her right to the freedom of association secured under article 11 of the Convention.

A Whether there was an interference

Notwithstanding its autonomous role and particular sphere of application, article 11 had, in the present case, also be considered in the light of article 10: see *Young, James and Webster v United Kingdom* (August 13, 1981; Series A No 44 p23 paragraph 57) and *Ezelin v France* (April 26, 1991; Series A No 202 p20 paragraph 37).

The protection of personal opinions, secured by article 10, was one of the objectives of the freedoms of assembly and association as enshrined in article 11.

With reference to the principles set forth in respect of article 10, Mrs Vogt, as a permenant civil servant, also qualified for the protection of article 11.

The applicant was dismissed from her post as a civil servant for having persistently refused to dissociate herself from the DKP on the ground that in her personal opinion membership of that party was not incompatible with her duty of loyalty.

There had accordingly been an interference with the exercise of the right protected by article 11.1

B Whether the interference was justified

It remained to be determined wither her dismissal satisfied the requirements of paragraph 2, which were in substance identical to those laid down in article 10.2, the only exceptions being provided for in the last sentence of article 11.

The Court considered that "administration of the state" within the meaning of article 11.2 should be interpreted narrowly, in the light of the post held by the official concerned.

Even if teachers were to be regarded as falling within that category, a question that the Court did not consider it necessary to determine in this instance, Mrs Vogt's dismissal had been disproportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

There had accordingly also been a violation of article 11.

Judges Bernhardt, Golcuklu, Matscher, Loizou, Mifsud, Bonnici, Gotchev, Jungweirt, Kuris and Jambrek dissented.

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The Internet is seen as the saviour of regional newspapers. But if they don't sell on the news-stands, they won't sell online either

Papers fall through the Net

With circulation down and costs rising, the regional press is looking for salvation. Happily, at last weekend's annual conference of its trade body, the Guild of Editors, there were two willing saviours in attendance.

The most prominent, Kelvin MacKenzie, once one of the editors' own and now running the Mirror Group's Live TV, was offering the glad-hand to any regional press baron willing to take a franchise to provide a local news service, reworking the news a second time on cable television under the Live TV logo.

Nobody seemed entirely convinced about the ability of local papers to double up as local television stations, or, come to that, about the ability of Live TV or its rival, Associated Newspapers' Channel One, to deliver viewers, but most of the proprietorial representatives at the conference held out rather more hope for the other saviour, that panacea for all social and economic ills, the Internet.

If you're a newspaper owner it must be a tempting thought. Publishing a paper in the traditional way involves printing halls full of heavy machinery, distribution fleets and all the other expensive and fallible hardware that distinguishes a newspaper production line from a photocopier. The Net, on the other hand, needs only journalists, ad salesmen and some relatively cheap computers. Why would any proprietor want to spend vast amounts putting his news on paper when he could send it down the phone line to his readers' computer screens for a fraction of the price?

As one of my other incarnations herein bears witness, I'm a close personal friend of the Internet, but even so my heart sinks whenever I hear an editor tell me how the Net will bail him out.

Already 500 or so newspapers around the world have put themselves on the Net; one Net seer predicts that within the next two years that number will be 2,000. In Britain, we currently have a mere half-dozen online papers, including *The Daily Telegraph*'s offering, the *Electronic Telegraph*. *The Times*, too, is preparing to go online soon. They are fine artefacts, but they are not newspapers.

Part of the problem is that we don't yet have the technology to make these electronic papers work in any but the most irritating way.



JOHN DIAMOND

Logging on to them takes long minutes, moving from one page to another minutes more. Reading an unknown electronic paper for the first time, I have no real sense of its scope or its stance or its style.

Indeed, electronic papers all seem to have much the same cheery style, which is usually that of a teenage rock magazine and which suggests that the editors of the paper versions aren't keeping an eye on what's appearing online in their name. The editor of the *Electronic Telegraph* explains why commercially sensitive statistics about its use are missing with the remarkably un-*Telegraph*-like "Someone could just come and steal our ideas".

More to the point, it's impossible to read an electronic paper except at a desk. Eventually, of course, you'll be able to read the paper on your laptop screen in bed or at the breakfast table, but I can't see a time when you'll be able to scan the whole paper, turning the pages back and forth, as you do with the traditional form.

My guess is that the electronic press will never be any more than an adjunct to the real thing. Electronic national papers will be read by those who need to glean straight facts, from stock prices to sports results, but not by those who want comment or the eclecticism of the average features page. Electronic local papers will be read by those who have moved from the area but who want to keep in touch, which won't do much for local advertising.

But the real clincher against the regionals going online is that there's unlikely to be money in it. One of the statistics that the editor of the *Electronic Telegraph* is willing to have stolen is that when asked if they'd be willing to pay for the service, 83 per cent of the readers said they wouldn't. In America, the 100,000 circulation *Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph* went online and had just 300 to 500 readers a day; when it started charging for the service it could find only 80 people willing to subscribe.

Of course, the response to all this is that the online papers will make their money through advertising, which would be logical enough were it not that, regardless of their drop in circulation, local newspaper advertising is actually holding up rather well — indeed in real terms it's doing rather better now than it was 20 years ago.

None of which is to say that local editors shouldn't be looking at the online possibilities. But they should understand that a product that doesn't sell on the news-stands won't sell online either.

Auntie needs the big screen

The BBC's cinema work won't kill the TV play, **George Faber** argues

The BBC's decision to step up its cinematic output and to have eight films selected for the London Film Festival this month is regarded in some quarters as a betrayal of the cultural tradition of the television play.

Television movies, according to the critics, give the British film industry a bad name. They have limited horizons, are preoccupied with "worthy" social issues and limit the cinematic vision of the director. Worst of all, howl the traditionalists, if television continues to hurtle headlong towards movie madness, then the television play will be hijacked by the director using the opportunity as a Hollywood calling-card.

It is clear that the relationship between British cinema and television drama is fraught. Despite these criticisms, I believe it is vital for the BBC to pursue a policy of cinema release — not just for the renaissance of a healthy film industry here, but also for the very survival of the television play.

Aggressive cross-channel competition, the ready availability of American movies on video and a zapper-happy audience have all contributed to the loss of profile of the television drama. Although there is an appetite for drama, it is series and serials such as *Cracker* and *Pride and Prejudice* that resonate with audiences.

Channel 4 determined early in its history, after the surprise success in the cinema of its 1985 made-for-television *My Beautiful Laundrette*, to focus almost its entire one-off drama output on the cinema. This policy lifted the aspirations of a whole generation of creative talent.

In response, the BBC moved much of its one-off drama out of the studio and onto film, although it didn't follow suit with cinema release until recently. Its cinema successes in the early Nineties, films such as *Truly Madly Deeply*, *The Snapper* and *Priest*, were all made-for-television dramas that broke into the cinema.

Directors and writers alike are attracted to the greater impact and profile achieved by films such as these, as well as the wider reach, the longer life and the greater financial rewards that cinema release for their work can offer.

This year, the BBC has pursued an active policy of theatre release and has had seven films in the cinema, most recently Ken Loach's *Land and Freedom*. Soon to be released are the late Nigel Finch's *Stonewall*, a passionate look at a turning point in American sexual politics, and Tony Marchant and Richard Spence's *Different for Girls*, an exuberant roller-coaster romance with a twist.

Also heading for the cinema is Udayan Prasad's *Brothers in Trouble*, a wry look at illegal immigrants in Britain in the Sixties, and Gillies MacKinnon's Edinburgh award-winning *Small Faces*, inspired by his Glasgow childhood. In production are Michael Winterbottom's *Jude*, from Hardy's *Jude the Obscure*, and Stephen Frears's *The Van*, from the novel by Roddy Doyle. BBC films by Hanif Kureishi, Mike Leigh and Stephen Poliakoff, among others, are already committed for production next year.

British cinema can attract high-level funding these days from international distributors — money that would not necessarily be available for made-for-television dramas — as well as from a new and welcome source in this country, the National Lottery.



BBC

The BBC's *Brothers in Trouble*, to be shown at the London Film Festival this month

The BBC's licence payers receive value for money from such productions, benefiting not only from the increased budgets which give their films a broader canvas, but also from the sales revenue which is channelled back into new and additional programming.

If the BBC were to stick its head in the sand and deny the benefits of a cinema release to the country's creative talent, the licence payer would be the loser, as the BBC would not be able to attract the best. So where does this leave the Dennis Potters and the Alan Bleasdales of tomorrow?

By tradition, the television play has proved the training ground for new writers, nurturing fresh and original voices in a form that is free from the commercial and box-office pressures of the cinema. We may not have had *Pennies from Heaven* or *Boys from the Blackstuff* if these once unknown writers had not been able to explore and experiment on the single play.

The BBC intends to reserve more than 60 per cent of its annual £25 million single drama budget for the production of non-cinema made-for-television plays and films. Some 30 pieces a year will go straight to television.

What kind of feature films should the BBC make? Successful British features in recent years have won acclaim not for palely imitating Hollywood, but for venturing into challenging territory and remaining true to a particular vision, an individual voice. Not that this should consign our films to a narrow art-house niche, for commercial success can still favour the brave.

The BBC is perfectly positioned, with its public service remit, to venture into the cinema with bold, challenging, entertaining films.

● *George Faber is head of single drama at the BBC.*

Publish and be panned

Investigative journalism faces the threat of contempt, **Tom Welsh** says

After a crime, all citizens were once required to raise a hue and cry and pursue the villain until he was captured. Newspapers are still doing the same. As Mr Justice Hodgson said in the case of *Attorney-General v Sport Newspapers Ltd and Others* (*The Times*, June 6, 1991), it is an almost daily occurrence that investigative journalism will target some wrongdoer, publish damning material and seek to have criminal proceedings instigated.

Stuart Kuttner, managing editor of the *News of the World*, says it is a tradition long upheld by his newspaper. "We believe that we do an important public service. Some of our investigative work has unmasked drug dealers, pornographers, child molesters and counterfeiters," he says.

If the "damning material" turns out to be wrong, juries can be relied upon to impose huge damages on newspapers. And the laws of contempt of court provide that once a case becomes active, nothing must be published that will create a substantial risk of serious prejudice to the trial.

In practice, of course, things are not as simple as this. Newspapers complete their investigations and then, before publishing, alert the police. If they published the results of their investigation first, the culprit could destroy the evidence and disappear.

I do not recall any problems over this long-standing practice before July this year, when three men facing criminal charges for counterfeiting were allowed to walk free after a judge considered that publication of a *News of the World* article that had led to their arrest might prejudice a jury.

It seemed a curious decision. The case came to trial ten months after the article appeared. Judges over the years have often said that juries tend to forget the details of cases they have read in the papers months previously and that even if they have not, they are perfectly capable of putting extraneous matters out of their minds if they are properly directed by a judge.

Now, however, in the past week the *News of the World* has received two letters from Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, threatening it with an action for contempt of court arising from its article. Mr Kuttner says he will rigorously resist any such action and the paper is seeking the support of other media in opposing what it regards as a serious threat to investigative journalism.

Before prosecuting, Sir Nicholas should ponder his own words in an interview on BBC Radio 4's *Law in Action* programme in May. He said: "We have to credit the juror with a robust common sense, remembering that he or she will have heard the evidence in the individual case, will have that very much at the front of their minds and will be directed by the judge to put other things out of their minds."

● *Tom Welsh is joint author of* McNae's Essential Law for Journalists, *now in its 13th edition.*

Alan Mitchell questions whether schools are wise to be so welcoming to companies bearing gifts

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Tesco led the way with its Computers for Schools scheme. This year, the company says, 12,000 schools have taken delivery of £5.5 million worth of computing and other equipment. Not to be outdone, Sainsbury recently launched its Schoolbags promotion under which vouchers, given out for re-used carrier bags, are redeemed for school equipment.

In another version of such schemes, the lifestyle-database company ICD is using schools to distribute millions of questionnaires to parents, asking them to detail their purchasing habits brand by brand. Each questionnaire returned generates a contribution towards the purchase of an Acorn computer. It also provides ICD with information which it sells on.

Other recent initiatives include a Boots sports equipment promotion, WH Smith and books, and others from Bird's Eye, Persil, Mars, Esso and *Today*. Some sports clothes manufacturers are offering schools discounts if they allow companies' names to be displayed on team kit.

The logic of all these schemes is the same. Schools are underfunded and keen to acquire equipment. They also reach places that few other marketing techniques can. Sean Flanagan, ICD's marketing director, says: "Schools have a unique relationship to parents, children and the community."



Marketers like to catch 'em young

"Cause-related" marketing initiatives, say those involved, offer companies the best of both worlds. According to Tesco's national marketing controller, Jenny Gilmore, they reflect the company's desire "to make a contribution to our communities" while encouraging shoppers to use its stores.

Gestetner's managing director, Nigel Palmer, says that even if his scheme generates no money for Gestetner it "is worth doing for its own sake". Nevertheless, he admits that it has helped Gestetner to promote itself. The scheme has made people outside the industry aware that the company is at the forefront of laser technology; has raised its profile with corporate IT departments which decide what their companies should buy. As a bonus, because donations to the scheme have to be approved at senior level, "it has allowed us to network with the biggest companies in the United Kingdom", Mr Palmer says. "I'll be surprised if any of these people will buy a laser printer without at least getting a quote from us."

But the blurring of the distinctions between philanthropy and marketing is creating dilemmas for companies and educationists.

Michael Wilmott, a researcher at the Henley Centre for Forecasting, says that marketers may be seizing short-term opportunities only to fall into long-term traps. For example, parents could feel betrayed if a scheme, such as Tesco's Computers for Schools, were withdrawn.

Teachers' organisations are concerned that marketers are using parents' desire to help schools as a means of moral blackmail.

Endorsement by government ministers such as Mr Squire could fuel such fears. "We are concerned that we might reach the point where Government's responsibility for properly funding education gets replaced by schools passing the hat around to individuals and big business," says Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers.

"We wouldn't want to be churlish, but many of these schemes are just squalid marketing ploys in ethical guise," he says.

Home is best

BRITISH-made television programmes win 40 per cent of all major international festival awards, according to a report produced by the consultancy Spectrum for ITV and published yesterday. *Alexandra Frean writes.* This is more than any other country, including the United States, which wins 16 per cent.

Given this sort of critical acclaim, it is hardly surprising that British audiences prefer home-produced programmes. Our ratings chart shows that imported programmes perform relatively poorly, with only three shows in our chart attracting eight million viewers or more.

In a typical week, the top 50 BBC and ITV programmes easily pass the eight million mark. Notable exceptions in our chart are the dramas *The X-Files*, *Due South* and *Baywatch*, which attract creditable audiences for their allotted slots.

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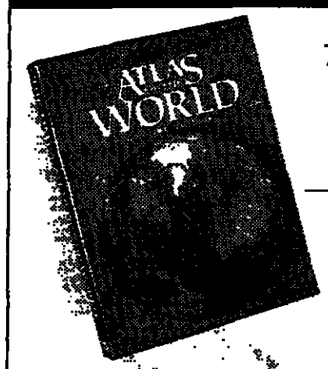
TOP 20 IMPORTED PROGRAMMES

October 9 to 15, 1995

Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	Country	Audnce (m) All 4+
1 The Rookie	Mon 9	21.01	ITV	Warner Brothers International	Film	US	9.1
2 With Savage Intent	Sat 14	21.18	BBC	Bob Banner Association/WIN	Film	US	8.1
3 Neighbours	Wed 11	17.37	BBC1	Grundy Intrntnl Ops Ltd	Soap	AUS	8.0
4 Home And Away	Thu 12	18.01	ITV	Seven Network Australia	Soap	AUS	7.8
5 The X-Files	Mon 9	21.03	BBC2	Ten Thirteen/20th Century Fox	Drama Series	US	6.5
6 Due South	Tue 10	20.01	BBC1	Alliance Communications	Drama Series	CAN	5.9
7 Baywatch	Sat 14	17.21	ITV	Tower 12/Baywatch Prod Co	Drama Series	US	5.8
8 Conan The Destroyer	Sat 14	22.31	ITV	Universal Pictures/De Laurentis	Film	US	5.5
9 Three Amigos!	Sat 14	17.41	BBC1	Orion/Home Box Office	Film	US	5.4
10 Predator 2*	Tue 10	22.43	ITV	20th Century Fox	Film	US	5.1
11 Bugs Bunny	Sat 14	17.32	BBC1	Warner Brothers International	Children's	US	3.7
12 Star Trek: Next Generation	Wed 11	18.01	BBC2	Paramount Pictures Corp	Drama Series	US	3.6
13 Red Sonja*	Fri 13	22.43	BBC1	MGM/UA/Famous Films B.V.	Film	US	3.2
14 Michael Moore's TV Nation	Mon 9	21.48	BBC2	Dog Eat Dog Films/TriStar TV	Documentary	US	2.7
15 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Thu 12	18.00	BBC2	Paramount Pictures	Drama Series	US	2.6
16 Young Indiana Jones Chrncls	Sun 15	14.54	BBC1	Lucasfilm Ltd/Amblin TV	Drama Series	US	2.6
17 Delusion	Sun 15	22.02	BBC2	Cineville/Seth M Willenson	Film	US	2.5
18 Little House On The Prairie	Sun 15	12.15	CHA4	NBC Productions/Ed Friendly	Drama Serial	US	2.5
19 Morning Glory	Wed 11	20.32	BBC2	Dove Audio Inc.	Film	US	2.4
20 Where's Wally	Mon 9	16.31	ITV	Waldo Film Co/DiC	Children's	US	2.4

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NEWS

Labour woos Tories on disclosure

■ The Government faces a cliffhanger vote in the Commons next week as Labour MPs try to press Conservatives to vote with them on the disclosure of their outside earnings.

The campaign will be launched after a Conservative-dominated select committee rejected the Nolan recommendation that such disclosure should be mandatory .....Page 1

Rosemary West's hate for husband

■ Rosemary West spoke of her hatred for the husband she now regards as the Devil after learning that he confessed to the murder of ten young women and girls, including their own daughter. She said she never suspected that Frederick West was a killer but once she discovered the truth from police she said: "I hated him. I just couldn't believe I could hate anyone so bad" ..... Pages 1, 3

Duke dies

The Duke of Northumberland, one of the most flamboyant yet enigmatic members of the aristocracy, died at Syon House, his London home. He was 42 Page 1

Labour tax relief

Labour will today announce plans to extend tax reliefs for personal savings schemes in what will be seen as a foray into Tory territory ..... Page 1

Divided Quebec

The Canadian cabinet held a day-long crisis meeting after a referendum on independence for Quebec was defeated by only 53,000 votes with more than 86,000 spoilt ballots. The result left deep divisions ..... Pages 1, 13

Divorce Bill threat

Ministers are on the brink of retreating from their plans for the biggest overhaul of the divorce laws for 25 years after pressure from Conservative MPs for the proposed "no fault" Divorce Reform Bill to be dropped ....Page 2

School to be closed

Hackney Downs boys' comprehensive is likely to close by the end of the year, as the first school to be shut by the Government for failing its pupils ..... Page 4

Race murder

An Asian youth was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the racially-motivated murder of a 15-year-old boy ..... Page 5

Dead cow ban

Fears that a potentially harmful chemical could leak from an exhibit consisting of bits of dead cow has forced the Tate Gallery to open its annual *Turner Prize Exhibition* without it ..... Page 7

Homosexual dispute

Fresh evidence that homosexuality is in the genes seems certain to revive dispute over a claim first made two years ago ..... Page 8

Lords accused

Accusations of sleaze spread from the Commons to the Lords when some peers were alleged to have abused their position in their own interests ..... Page 10

Bosnia setback

President Clinton struggled to minimise damage to the Bosnian peace talks caused by a congressional warning that the negotiators should not count on US troop deployment ..... Page 12

Kohl replacement

Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany's controversial European strategist, is to replace Helmut Kohl as party chairman and may take over as German leader, *Stern* reported ..... Page 13

Nigeria condemned

Britain condemned Nigeria's military regime for sentencing Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and human rights campaigner, to death after what Whitehall dismissed as a "flawed" process ..... Page 15

All passion spent, says Richard Harris

■ A lament for a lost sense of passion and danger among actors was sounded by Richard Harris. He blamed falling standards on drama schools, screen work and "undaring" stars. The irascible Irish performer, who has made the headlines with on-set brawls, singled out Sir Ian McKellen and Sir Derek Jacobi for leading "passionless lives" ..... Page 11

SIMON WALKER



The Prime Minister's brother, Terry Major-Ball, attended the graduation day at Zippo's Academy of Circus Arts yesterday

BUSINESS

Lloyd's: A group of Lloyd's names won a landmark legal ruling of negligence against the auditors of one loss-making insurance syndicate. The court victory could lead to a compensation payout of up to £300 million ..... Page 25

Pensions: New legislation is not enough to stop another disaster, according to a survey due to be published today ..... Page 25

Pilkington: The world's largest glassmaker, moved deeper into Europe and asked shareholders to put up £303 million ..... Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 19.1 points to close at 3529.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 83.8 to 84.0 after a rise from $1.5765 to $1.5809 and from DM2.2158 to DM2.2240 ....Page 28

SPORT

Rugby: Jonathan Davies, the former Wales stand-off half, is to return to rugby union after Warrington, his rugby league club, accepted Cardiff's improved offer of £90,000 compensation .. Page 48

Tennis: Jeremy Bates, the former British No 1, will retire after the Wimbledon championships next year. Bates, 33, has been a professional for 13 years .....Page 45

City choice: A decision on a new national stadium has been deferred. The choice rests between Wembley and Manchester ..... Page 48

Rugby union: Tony Underwood, the England wing, has become Newcastle's latest capture. Two former Wales captains, Mike Hall and Gareth Llewellyn, have signed for Wasps ..... Page 48

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Mick goes interactive: The Rolling Stones plan to be at the cutting edge of the interactive computer revolution, Mick Jagger tells David Sinclair .....Page 33

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Such hard labour: *Prisoner Cell Block H* may not be great television but the new stage musical version in the West End certainly trawls new depths of mediocrity .....Page 34

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Geoff Brown on new films, including Meg Ryan in *A French Kiss*

■ TRUE LIFE?
Penelope Mortimer talks about her frank biography of the Queen Mother

THE PAPERS

President Clinton now says that he won't even talk about the budget until Republicans change their priorities. His next pledge will be to read his lips— *Wall Street Journal*

It seems that some are now trying with true American earnestness to imbue the occasion with some newer meaning. But for most, Halloween means the children's unaccustomed delight at being out and about with friends in the dark — and 20 pounds of candy

— *Washington Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Roger Cook presents a disturbing catalogue of crimes against children in *The Cook Report Special* (ITV, 10.40pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond on entertaining financial advice from a seriously rich man in the money programme, *Dosh* .....Page 47

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Ulster old and new

Despite its advance billing, yesterday's meeting between Martin McGuinness and Michael Ancram yielded no significant breakthrough. But no one can doubt that David Trimble has seized the initiative from Sinn Fein .....Page 19

Staying on

So close was the vote in Quebec — and so nerve-racking the final stages — that had the referendum been a Test match the federalists would be said to have won by one run off the last ball .....Page 19

Romantic hero

The BBC romanticises Jane Austen and George Eliot, but neglects our greater Romantic, John Keats. In spite of all such neglect, however, Keats lives on .....Page 19

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SIMON JENKINS

Under Lord Mackay's changes, the total time taken for an average divorce in Britain would probably double. The short-term impact would thus be a fall in the rate .....Page 18

SIMON BARNES

Some coaches hate, above all things, the player who has all the talent, but no consistency. Their dream is to turn the unpredictable force into something grooved and controllable. To cut across the grain of temperament ..... Page 46

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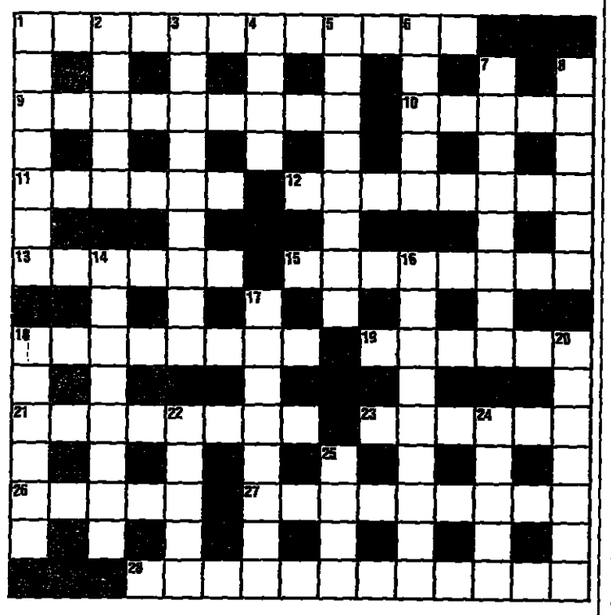
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ACROSS

1 Such an affair, if it got about, could become exceptionally bellicose (12).
9 Quality of the loud-speaker in the foyer (9).
10 Character-building in the Army (5).
11 The art, when concealed, of the tile-maker (6).
12 Cloggy sort of pudding excites Jack's wit (8).
13 Powerful sort of service from one not quite a gentleman (6).
15 Poet cut by Oriental medico (8).
18 Born nurse comprehends the lung (8).
19 Fleshy animal (6).
21 Source of screech owl's cry on high branch (8).
23 Moving quickly, cast set about "The Last of Mrs Cheyney" (6).
26 The Red Queen took precedence, but slipped up (5).
27 Funny cartoon about the lieutenant's low woman (9).
28 The coaches are going round the reservoir (7-5).

DOWN

1 Apprentice wearing coarse material (7).
2 Pet standing up – it wants to be understood (5).
3 Fruit turnover readily available from this carrier (5-4).
4 Very dry individual in a way (4).
5 The key to starting revolutions (8).
6 A non-drinker in charge in a high position (5).
7 Jacobson in a predicament in African republic (8).
8 Did he notice the finches in Australia? (6).
14 Start shooting "The Gaping Inferno" (4,4).
16 They are often fired, which may be why we are short-handed (5,4).
17 Brave Napoleonic music espoused by the hard left (8).
18 Little Boy Blue, for example, and the black cow (6).
20 Running, say, on side to be effective (7).
22 Hotel, unfinished monster, came to nothing (5).
24 Soldier set up card game in blockhouse (5).
25 Characterless girl is out of love (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,000

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This National Final puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 95% of contestants.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Altnaharra, Highlands, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highlands, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 9 hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** northern parts of England and Wales will start the day damp with patchy light rain or drizzle. However they should brighten and dry up in the afternoon. Southern parts will see early morning mist clear to give a brief spell of brightness before cloud moves southeastwards. Most areas should be dry, though drizzle could affect eastern coasts.

Central and western Scotland should have a bright, dry day with sunshine. However, eastern parts will be cloudier with the odd shower near the coast and northeastern parts could see rain. Northern Ireland will start grey in places but will brighten up.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** becoming cloudy. Mostly dry. Wind north to northeast light. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England, N Ireland:** patchy light rain. Then drier and brighter. Wind north to northeast light. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** quite cloudy. Isolated coastal showers. Wind north to northwest light. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** fine with sunny spells. Wind north light. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** becoming cloudy with showery rain. Wind northwest moderate to fresh. Max 9-11C (48-52F).

☐ **Outlook:** cooler and cloudier in the east; brighter in the west.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm; b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	0.2	0.22	11	52	r	London	7.2	-	16	61	s
Anglesey	2.7	-	15	59	b	Lowestoft	7.4	-	15	59	s
Aspatria	1.2	-	14	57	b	Manchester	-	-	13	55	du
Aviemore	-	0.47	9	48	d	Margate	8.4	-	15	59	s
Belfast	5.0	-	16	61	b	Mineinead	5.2	-	14	57	s
Birmingham	7.2	-	16	61	s	Morecambe	0.3	-	15	59	c
Bognor R	8.4	-	16	61	s	Newcastle	-	0.06	15	59	r
Bournem'th	8.1	-	16	61	s	Newquay	5.7	-	17	63	b
Bristol	6.2	-	16	61	s	Norwich	8.2	-	15	59	s
Buxton	0.3	-	12	54	c	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	5.2	-	15	59	s	Oxford	7.6	-	15	59	s
Clacton	7.9	-	13	55	s	Penzance	X	-	17	63	s
Colwyn Bay	4.8	-	17	63	s	Plymouth	X				
Cromer	7.8	-	15	59	s	Poole	6.3	-	16	61	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	16	61	s
Eastbourne	7.8	-	14	57	s	Ross-o-wye	4.9	-	15	59	fg
Edinburgh	-	0.13	14	57	r	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir		0.13	13	55	d	Scarborough	8.1	-	16	61	s
Exmouth	6.7	-	16	61	s	Sandown	8.3	-	16	59	s
Falmouth	4.9	-	16	61	b	Saunton Snd	5.8	-	17	63	s
Fleinguard	3.3	-	16	61	b	Scarboro'	1.1	-	14	57	c
Folkestone	8.6	-	15	59	s	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	0.5	0.10	15	59	r	Shrewsbury	4.6	-	15	59	fg
Guernsey	8.4	-	17	63	s	Skegness	7.0	-	16	61	s
Hastings	8.6	-	14	57	s	Southend	X				
Hayling I.	8.2	-	15	59	s	Southport	-	-	15	59	fg
Herne Bay	8.6	-	15	59	s	Southsea	7.8	-	15	59	s
Hove	X	-	14	57	s	St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	7.8	-	14	57	s	Stornoway	0.9	0.35	11	52	c
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	7.6	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	5.2	-	15	59	b	Talgarmouth	X	-	17	63	s
Jersey	9.1	-	15	59	s	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	-	0.31	11	52	r	Tiree	2.1	0.11	14	57	sh
Leeds	0.2	-	15	59	c	Torquay	8.0	-	17	63	s
Lerwick	1.8	-	9	48	c	Tynemouth	-	0.02	15	59	cl
Leuchars	1.0	0.17	13	55	r	Ventnor	8.5	-	17	63	s
Littlehmptn	8.0	-	15	59	s	West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	1.6	-	14	57	fg	Weymouth	8.6	-	16	61	s

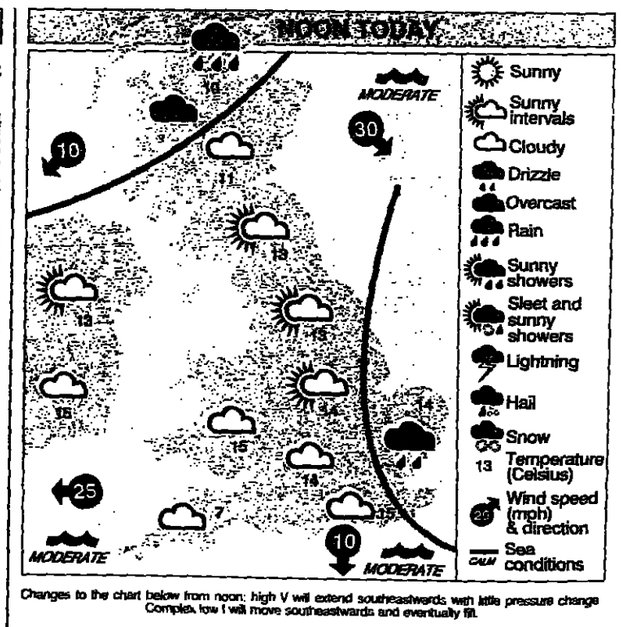
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Ajaccio	21	70	s	C'phagn	9	48	r	Majorca	24	75	s
Alicante	24	75	s	Dublin	15	59	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Dubrovnik	17	63	c	Malta	23	73	f
Algiers	31	88	s	Faro	23	73	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	21	70	f
Athens	21	70	s	Frankfurt	11	52	c	Miami	27	81	c
Bahrain	30	86	c	Funchal	20	68	f	Milan	17	63	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	15	59	c	Montreal	2	36	X
Barbados	28	82	c	Gibraltar	21	70	c	Moscow	5	41	c
Barcelona	21	70	f	Helsinki	-1	30	s	Munich	13	55	c
Beirut	22	72	s	Hong K	28	82	s	N Delhi	28	82	s
Belgrade	13	55	r	Innsbruk	17	63	f	N York	13	55	f
Berlin	8	43	c	Istanbul	17	63	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Bermuda	24	75	f	Jeddah	X			Naples	22	72	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Nice	20	68	s
Borde'x	17	63	s	Karachi	35	95	s	Oslo	3	37	f
Brussels	7	45	fg	L Angels	18	64	c	Paris	10	50	c
Budapst	14	57	c	L Palmas	26	82	s	Peking	4	39	s
Cairo	24	75	s	Le Touet	9	48	f	Perth	21	70	f
Cape Tn	31	88	s	Lisbon	23	73	f	Prague	9	48	s
Ch'church	12	54	c	Locarno	17	63	s	Reykjavik	6	43	r
Chicago	7	45	c	Luxembg	9	48	c	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	7	45	c	Luxor	30	86	s	Rio de J	18	64	f
Corfu	16	61	c	Madrid	16	61	f	Riyadh	31	88	s

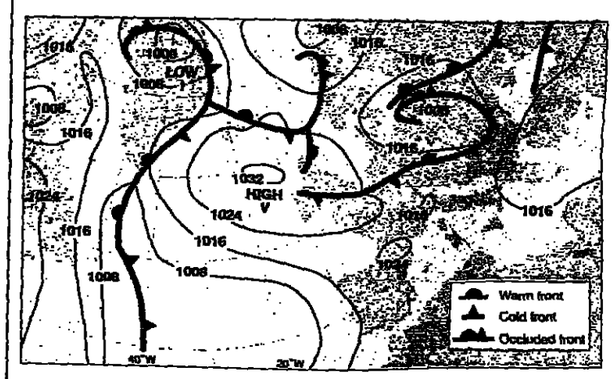
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Santiago	27	81	s								
Seoul	7	45	c								
Sing'por	27	81	f								
Stkholm	3	37	s								
Strasb'rg	14	57	c								
Sydney	17	63	c								
Tangier	27	81	s								
Tel Aviv	35	77	s								
Tenerife	25	77	f								
Tokyo	24	75	f								
Toronto	6	43	c								
Tunis	28	82	f								
Valencia	20	68	f								
Vanc'ver	9	48	s								
Venice	15	59	f								
Vienna	12	55	c								
Warsaw	7	45	c								
Wash'ton	14	57	f								
Wel'ngton	16	61	X								
Zurich	15	59	c								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

MOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high V will extend southeastwards with little pressure change Complex low I will move southeastwards and eventually fill.



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:27	5.96	8:26	6.12	Leith	9:05	4.81	9:31	4.91
Aberdeen	6:14	3.62	6:28	3.70	Liverpool	5:29	7.87	8:03	8.23
Avonmouth	0:58	10.42	1.42	10.68	Lowestoft	3:00	2.28	4.48	2.22
Belfast	5:40	2.96	6:00	3.13	Margate	6:01	4.11	7:04	4.19
Cardiff	0:49	9.59	1:34	9.68	Milford Haven	0:20	5.57	0:56	5.83
Devonport	-	-	0:14	4.73	Newquay	11:50	5.67	-	-
Dover	5:16	5.77	6:20	5.62	Oban	0:09	2.85	1:19	3.31
Dublin	8:26	3.68	8.37	3.91	Penzance	11:22	4.51	-	-
Falmouth	11:50	4.44	-	-	Portland	0:23	1.50	0:43	1.60
Glasgow	6:37	4.18	7.11	4.15	Portsmouth	5.40	4.16	6:10	4.00
Harwich	5:38	3.48	6.31	3.60	Shoreham	5:34	5.17	6:15	5.05
Holyhead	4:54	4.60	5:14	4.90	Southampton	5:12	3.99	5:46	3.92
Hull	-	-	1:18	6.16	Swansea	0:16	7.78	1:00	7.95
Ilfracombe	-	-	0:32	7.83	Tees	10:24	4.54	10:40	4.60
King's Lynn	-	-	0:50	5.39	W'ton-on-Nze	5:43	3.64	6:37	3.78

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.53 am
Sun sets: 4.35 pm
Moon sets 12.05 am
Moon rises 2.00 pm

London 4.35 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 7.05 am
Edinburgh 4.34 pm to 7.21 am
Manchester 4.37 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.13 am

Full Moon November 7

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First ruling against accountant in Lloyd's saga

Names win landmark case

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE accountancy profession was dealt a severe blow yesterday when a group of Lloyd's names won a landmark High Court ruling against Ernst & Whinney, now part of Ernst & Young.

The ruling could result in E&W paying a large share of an estimated £300 million in compensation for losses incurred by 1,932 litigating names on Merrett syndicate 418.

The vast majority of the names also won claims against Stephen Merrett, the syndicate's underwriter and a former deputy chairman of Lloyd's, his agency, the Merrett Underwriting Agency, and about 60 Lloyd's agencies. Each defendant is jointly and severally liable for any compensation the courts finally award. This is subject to a quantum ruling, the date of which is yet to be set.

John Mays, chairman of the Merrett 418 (1985) Names Association, said: "This judgment represents a stunning victory for our names. It is a landmark judgment against Ernst & Whinney and represents an enormous defeat for them. They represent a deep pocket as far as compensation is concerned."

In the long running saga of Lloyd's litigation this is the first ruling against a firm of accountants, although a string of other actions are pending. E&Y said it would appeal against the judgment and that "in the unlikely event of an appeal failing ... any reasonable assessment is likely to put our contribution below £20 million".

The ruling by Mr Justice Cresswell is likely to pave the way for accountancy firms who acted as auditors to Lloyd's syndicates to make a sizeable contribution to bolster the £2.8 billion settlement package offered to names.

Mr Mays said he believed the £2.8 billion settlement package was inadequate. "I'm looking for another £1 billion. I hope that a large part of that will come out of the auditors' pockets," he said.

The Merrett action was the first of the so-called "long-tail" actions to reach court. The syndicate's losses relate to asbestosis and pollution claims, principally from America. They are called long-tail because they can take decades for the claims to emerge.

The case involved names underwriting on the syndicate over numerous years. Mr Justice Cresswell ruled that of the 1,321 names who took action against E&W, 1,243 won. However, of these the 55 who joined the syndicate in 1983 were time barred. The names alleged wrongful closure of earlier years of account by E&W.

Under Lloyd's structure syndicate years are "closed" after three years of trading unless their losses are unquantifiable and then the year is "left open" and the losses stay with the names underwriting in that particular year. The action group members are alleging earlier years of accounts should have been left open.

Against the other defendants the names were claiming negligent underwriting as well as wrongful closure of years of account. The negligent underwriting related to 11 run-off reinsurance contracts written in 1982, which resulted in the Merrett syndicate taking on all the liabilities of 11 other syndicates.

Names were successful in their claim against the Merrett underwriting agency in respect of nine of the eleven contracts but two of them are time-barred. In the case of the members' agents, the names lost on the issue of run-off in every year of account but won their claim for wrongful closure in the 1984 and 1985 years of account.

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TONY WHITE



John Mays, chairman of the Merrett 418 (1985) Names Association, hailed the judgment as a stunning victory for names



LITIGIOUS LLOYD'S

Year of account	Number of plaintiffs joining in year of account	Total number of plaintiffs	DEFENDANTS: AUDITORS (Wrongful closure claim)	MEMBERS' AGENTS (Run-off claim)	MEMBERS' AGENTS (Wrongful closure claim)	MANAGING AGENTS (Run-off claim)*	MANAGING AGENTS (Wrongful closure claim)	STEPHEN MERRETT (Run-off claim)	STEPHEN MERRETT (Wrongful closure claim)
1979 and prior		619	No claim	Lost	No claim	Won	No claim	Lost	No claim
1980	26	645	Lost	Lost	Lost	Won	Lost	Lost	L.
1981	21	658	Lost	Lost	Lost	Won	Lost	Lost	Lost
1982	31	687	Lost	Lost	Lost	Won	Lost	Lost	Lost
1983	55	742	Won but time barred	Lost	Lost	No claim	Won	No claim	Won
1984	325	1,067	Won	No claim	Won	No claim	Won	No claim	Won
1985	863	1,930	Won	No claim	Won	No claim	Won	No claim	Won

*Successful on 9 out of 11 run-off contracts but are time barred

Pension trustees lacking expertise

BY ROBERT MILLER

PENSION fund trustees, the ultimate guardians of members' assets, do not have enough expertise to prevent another "Maxwell style" scandal, a survey claims.

A new *Pension Scheme Trusteeship* survey, published today, says that, of more than 3,300 trustees who took part in the exercise, only 45 had gained the basic knowledge certificate. This was launched in 1993 by the Pensions Management Institute amid worries that trustees in general were not sufficiently aware of their legal responsibilities and duties.

Roger Westwood, managing director of Hogg Robinson Financial Services, which conducted the survey of 648 pension schemes, covering 2.5 million members, said: "The results are of great concern. This is even more so because in a significant number of instances, it was apparent that people were not fully conversant with their scheme's trusteeship arrangements."

Of particular concern to John Holland, the author of the survey, was the "mammoth" task facing pension schemes in arranging member trustee nominations and elections in line with the rules laid down in the Pensions Act 1995.

The Act says that pension members may choose at least a third of the trustee board, yet according to the survey, two-thirds of all schemes have no trustees chosen by their members.

Mr Holland said: "It will be increasingly important for trustees to be seen to be independent of the management of the sponsoring employer. It will also be important for trustees to be able to demonstrate their experience and qualification for the role they undertake to the members."

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3529.1	(+19.1)
Yield	4.01%	
FT-SE A All share	1734.14	(+7.85)
Nikkei	17654.64	(+145.47)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4794.50	(+37.93)*
S&P Composite	586.20	(+2.95)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 15/16%*	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	107 28*	(106 7/32)
Yield	6.34%*	(6.35%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6 11/16%	(6 11/16%)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	106 12/16	(106 2/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5805*	(1.5785)
London:		
$	1.5821	(1.5781)
DM	2.2275	(2.2165)
FFr	7.7250	(7.7035)
SFr	1.7970	(1.7894)
Yen	161.82	(160.36)
£ Index	84.0	(83.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4070*	(1.4086)
FFr	4.8835*	(4.8894)
SFr	1.1360*	(1.1370)
Yen	102.24*	(101.93)
$ Index	92.9	(93.0)

Tokyo close Yen 101.80

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$16.20 ($16.10)

GOLD

London close	$382.75 ($382.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Short circuit

Water and electricity do not mix, according to Thames Water which has ruled itself out as a bidder for London Electricity. Thames made it clear that it had failed to find any formula for a takeover that would make financial sense for its shareholders. London shares fell 18p to 902p. **Page 26, Tempus 28**

Double-glazed

Pilkington, the world's largest glassmaker is buying out its Italian partner and buying a Scandinavian-Swiss company. Shareholders are being asked for £303 million. **Page 27, Tempus 28**

Body Shop coy on talk of buyback

BODY SHOP yesterday sought to play down speculation that Anita and Gordon Roddick, the founders, might try to take the company private, but stopped short of an outright denial (Alasdair Murray writes).

The company admitted that the Roddicks had begun preliminary discussions on the issue, but that no proposal was expected in the near future, if at all.

It is believed their plans have been hampered by their inability to raise sufficient finance. The market, however, reacted favourably to the news of a possible buyout, the share price leaping 21p to close at 156p.

The mooted plan would involve setting up a charitable foundation to help to support Body Shop causes on the environment and development.

Body Shop was floated in 1985. It has 1,200 outlets and is worth £290 million.

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MoD buyers leave British computer maker in the cold

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence has excluded Britain's only builder of supercomputers, Meiko, from the contest to provide a £5 million machine for use in "virtual" nuclear tests at Aldermaston — even though the company has won a similar contract in America.

The British bid, although competitive on performance and cost, was ruled out — on "technical" grounds — without consideration of implications for Britain's technology base. Instead, the MoD has shortlisted the American-based Cray Research and IBM for the contract. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who has made the competitiveness of British industry a personal crusade, has been asked to intervene.

In the US, supercomputers are seen as a vital defence technology and imports are banned. To fulfil its $21 million contract at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, one of America's three national nuclear research sites, Meiko has had to switch half its 80 development and manufacturing staff to the US.

Meiko has not won a significant British government contract since 1987, and David Alden, its managing director, claims that defensive buying by public-sector officials is blighting its prospects. "Most of these organisations are filled with people who are not required to take any risks," he said. "They already have American machines, so that is what they buy." Meiko's UK operation has been cut to just 40 people because of British government hostility and the US "buy American" policy.

The Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston is buying a machine to help to simulate atomic explosions, avoiding the need for tests like those by France in the Pacific.

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Dunedin chairman and deputy join list of resignations

BY ROBERT MILLER

DUNEDIN, Scotland's second-largest investment house with more than £5 billion under management, has suffered a setback with the resignation of five senior executives, including the chairman and his deputy.

Hamish Leslie Melville, the chairman, has resigned, together with Alan Kemp, the deputy chief executive. Their departures follow the recent resignations of Peter Tait and Nigel Barry, both investment directors, and that of Gordon Anderson, head of investment, who left in the summer. It is understood that a further resignation, that of Doug Waggoner, who works in Chicago, will be announced soon.

The Bank of Scotland has a 51 per cent stake in the business, through the British Linen Bank, and Dunedin manages the bank's £1 billion pension fund. The group also looks after some £2 billion of US pension fund money and a another £2 billion in its stable of six investment trusts.

One source said that the departures were because of a clash of management styles and personalities with the Bank of Scotland. Mr Leslie Melville's brief had been to bring "a breath of London merchant banking air" to Dunedin, which is based in Edinburgh. The source said that there had been disagreement over paying fund managers the going rate for the job and giving them an equity stake in the business.

Eric Sanderson, acting chairman and chief executive, said last night: "This is all rather surprising and disappointing. But we have lots of good people left and we do not anticipate any more resignations."

According to the company, Mr Leslie Melville wished to devote more time to the National Trust of Scotland. He said: "I've got nothing to add, thank you very much."

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Tribunal rejects Eurotunnel's £2.5bn claim

By Jonathan Prynn

EUROTUNNEL suffered a devastating setback to its financial survival plans last night when its £2.5 billion claim against the British and French national railways was thrown out by a European tribunal.

The rejection of the claim removes a key plank of the heavily indebted company's strategy to secure its long-term future. It has sought compensation from the operator of Eurostar for shortfalls in the number of passengers using the high-speed train between London, Brussels and Paris.

Eurotunnel had argued that passenger numbers had fallen far below those projected by the operator, European Passenger Services (EPS), which is owned jointly by the three national railway companies.

It was demanding a total renegotiation of its 1987 contract with EPS, or an increase of 55 per cent in EPS's payments for using the tunnel or a £2.5 billion lump sum.

The 220-page judgment, which was determined under the rules of the International Chamber of Commerce, was delivered to Eurotunnel last night. BR said in a statement last night that it "naturally welcomes the rejection of these claims, which were based on the contention that the railways should contribute to the costs of Eurotunnel's own cost overruns and delays." A spokesman for Eurotunnel said the company was "very disappointed" about the outcome of the arbitration but said it would not affect its plans to reduce its £8 billion debt mountain.

Although Eurotunnel's main claim was rejected outright, the judgment did allow a number of subsidiary claims about EPS's alleged failure to reach various obligations under the tunnel usage contract. The tribunal ordered a six-month inquiry by experts to set the level of damages.

The company, which lost £465 million in the first half of the year, has effectively been given six months by its 225 bankers to produce plans for a massive restructuring of its debts. Failure to agree a survival plan would spell financial disaster for the company, which has already negotiated a suspension of its £2 million a day interest bill. A successful outcome to the claim against EPS would have provided a huge morale and financial boost for Eurotunnel in the run-up to its crucial talks with the bankers about the rescue plan next year.

The spokesman said the company continued to pursue a separate claim against TML, the group of contractors that built the £10 billion tunnel. It is also lobbying the Government for "a level playing field" with the ferry companies over sales of duty free.

Water firm will not bid for London Electricity

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SHARES in London Electricity shares fell back by 18p to 902p yesterday after Thames Water, a rumoured suitor, ruled itself out. The water utility said it had failed to find any formula for a takeover that would make financial sense for its shareholders.

Sir Robert Clarke, chairman of Thames, even ruled it out as a "white knight" should London Electricity face a hostile bid from elsewhere.

London Electricity is rated highly, while other regional electricity companies have fallen to a variety of bids. It is now valued at £1.8 billion. Thames, one of the lowest-rated water groups, is valued at only £200 million more.

Thames and London are now discussing wide-ranging co-operation on sharing services to save costs.

Mike Hoffman, chief executive of Thames, said that such co-operation was a logical extension of its outsourcing programme and could cover, street works, customer service, billing and eventually information technology.

Thames's own shares gained 6p to 527p after the privatised water and sewage group announced a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £165 million for the six months to September 30 and a 12 per cent rise in its interim dividend to 9.2p per share.

The results were at the top end of City forecasts. Thames said it should be able to raise its final dividend in proportion, although earnings per share rose by just 7 per cent.

David Luffrum, the finance director, said that the results were indicative of what could achieved under the new price regime, but he indicated that the tax charge would rise next year, when Thames was likely to become liable to mainstream corporation tax at about 13 per cent in addition to tax on dividends.

The company made little attempt to follow the advice of Ian Byatt, the water regulator, to justify the dividend rise in detail to customers, arguing that it had avoided any water restrictions during the summer and already had the lowest customer charges.

Early completion of the Thames ring main, special pumping to restore underground supplies and intense mathematical modelling of the distribution network helped the company to maintain supplies despite a greater shortfall of rain than in the North.

Sir Robert heralded a turnround for the group's much-troubled non-utility businesses, which made a reduced overall loss of £1.9 million in the half year. He said the overseas water operations would start to contribute in two years.

After more than four years chasing the Izmit build and operate contract, Thames now hopes to complete syndication of funding this month. Work has started on a Malaysian project. Contracts have been signed in Bangkok and Shanghai. The construction side, however, has been cut back and is likely to be sold.

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Gartmore to manage A&L funds

Gartmore, the quoted fund management firm put up for sale by Banque Indosuez, is to manage funds in Alliance & Leicester's new unit trust company to be launched next year.

Gartmore is the third largest manager of unit trusts in the UK with over £4 billion invested, and a total of £24 billion of funds under management.

A&L plans to set up a unit trust company in the first quarter of next year.

Egit passes

East German Investment Trust (Egit), which has attacked the German privatisation authorities over their attitude to inward investors, is again passing the interim dividend. Egit incurred a net loss of 1.4 million marks (three million marks loss) in the six months to September 30.

The loss per share was 0.025 mark (0.053 mark loss).

On target

Mezzanine Management, the independent private debt and equity fund manager, has raised $155 million of the $400 million target which would make it one of Europe's largest operators in its field.

ANDRE CAMARA



David Rough, centre, with Michael Hayden, managing director, left, and Stephen Abbot, marketing director of Legal & General's retail investments products arm yesterday

New Pep from L&G to rival Virgin

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

LEGAL & GENERAL, the life assurance group, turned up the heat in the battle for the £206 billion personal savings market yesterday by launching a low-cost personal equity plan to rival Richard Branson's Virgin Pep.

L&G's index-tracking Pep has no initial charge, no withdrawal fee, an annual management charge of 0.5 per cent and a £25 plus VAT annual administration fee.

Total charges will be capped at 1 per cent. In addition, L&G is scrapping initial charges and withdrawal fees on its five existing Peps, and launching a new corporate bond Pep with no initial charge.

L&G hopes to poach existing Pep business from other companies, attract funds currently held in tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) which are due to mature in January and generate new custom in what is generally perceived to be a sluggish investment market.

David Rough, group director of investments, said the more money invested, the greater value the tracking Pep offered. At £3,000, the charge is £30, equivalent to an annual charge of 1 per cent; at £30,000 the fee is just under £180.

The plan is invested in L&G's UK Index Trust, which holds nearly 72 per cent of shares in the FT-SE top 100 companies and 21 per cent in the next 250 biggest. Its average annual deviation since launch in September 1992 is 0.25 per cent above the FT-SE performance.

The Virgin Pep, launched in March with no initial charges, levies a 1 per cent annual charge and a 0.5 per cent withdrawal fee. Virgin Direct welcomed L&G's new Pep as "sounding the death knell for active management and high charges", adding it had no plans to reduce its charges.

German bank's derivatives loss

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

SAL. OPPENHEIM, the family-owned German bank that is run by Karl Otto Pöhl, the former president of the Bundesbank, has disclosed "with regret" that one of its traders has lost it DM24 million on speculative trading in derivatives.

A spokesman for the bank, founded in the year of the French revolution and with a reputation for being arch-conservative and rather snobbish, said, however, that the loss was "not a Barings, either in amount, or origin".

It was incurred by Oppenheim's trading operation in Frankfurt and involved options on German bonds, a fact likely to fuel German anxiety about the risks in derivatives.

Oppenheim underlined that, unlike the situation in the Nick Leeson disaster at Barings, it has a clear separation between its trading and settlement operations.

Furthermore, the "irregularities" were uncovered in August by its own internal control mechanisms.

The spokesman said that the period during which the losses were incurred was also "relatively short".

The Jewish-owned bank, whose group balance sheet last year totalled DM28 billion, survived the Nazi era in German by changing its name to the gentile Pferdmengeswhile, leaving the shareholders unchanged and abroad.

In spite of the options loss, the bank expects to achieve a satisfactory result for the whole of 1995, the spokesman said.

He noted that even in 1994, when the bank was hit by losses on two celebrated German corporate failures, it managed to posted a net profit of DM30 million.

Last year, which the bank describes as "unfortunate", it took a DM50 million hit on the failure of Balsam, the leading German sports flooring group, and unspecified losses for its exposure to the collapse of the Schneider empire, Germany's biggest postwar property failure.

The spokesman said that the bank took immediate steps after discovery of the options loss to tighten up its administration and control arrangements. He added: "There is always room for improvement." The trader was asked to leave immediately. It is unclear whether legal action will follow.

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Ashanti misses gold target

ASHANTI Goldfields, Ghana's largest biggest miner of gold, fell marginally short of its planned target of producing a million ounces of gold in the year ended September 30 (Colin Campbell writes).

Total gold production of 932,323 ounces was 13 per cent higher than output in 1994, and the company remains confident that it will shortly achieve an annual production rate of a million ounces.

The company, whose shares are listed in London, issued a fourth quarterly production report that showed underground reserves had further increased to 1.7 million ounces and that expansion at the Obuasi mine continues apace.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.03
Austria Sch	16.68	15.18
Belgium Fr	48.77	44.47
Canada $	2.212	2.052
Cyprus Cypf.	0.748	0.693
Denmark Kr	9.25	8.45
Finland Mkk	7.29	6.64
France Fr	8.11	7.46
Germany Dm	2.38	2.17
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.82	11.82
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1800	4.5300
Italy Lira	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	174.50	158.50
Malta	0.594	0.539
Netherlds Gld	2.650	2.420
New Zealand $	2.53	2.31
Norway Kr	10.43	9.63
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
S Africa Rd	nil	5.42
Spain Pta	200.00	187.00
Sweden Kr	11.09	10.29
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Lira	refer	76145.0
USA $	1.672	1.542

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lottery blamed for Vernons job cuts

VERNONS, the football pools company, is to axe a further 150 jobs because of competition from the National Lottery. The company's N&B Direct printing works at Speke, Merseyside, which prints pools coupons and betting slips, is to close with the loss of 75 jobs. A further 75 jobs will be cut from the Vernons pools office at Aintree, Liverpool, where pools entries are processed and coupons checked. The announcement brings the total number of jobs lost by Vernons this year to 200 and reduces the workforce to 425.

Phil Jarrold, managing director of Vernons Pools, said: "I am bitterly disappointed that these new redundancies and the closure of N&B Direct have been made inevitable by the impact of the lottery. If we are to safeguard sustainable jobs at Vernons, then we have to reduce our costs, protect prizes and maintain marketing and product development initiatives." Vernons said the job losses had been forced on it by a 24.5 per cent year-on-year fall in turnover by the end of August.

Hang Seng tops league

MIDLAND BANK'S sister company, the Hang Seng Bank in Hong Kong, heads the world league of "real banking profitability" issued by IBCA, the rating agency, for the second year. Lloyds has beaten Midland's parent, HSBC Holdings, to become the highest-ranking British bank, in 22nd place, up from 35th last year. The tables, based on 1994 profitability of the world's 300 largest banks, by assets, adjust reported return on equity ratios for differences in capitalisation, inflation and tax. TSB is 30th, and HSBC 31st.

Sphere plea to Panel

THE Takeover Panel must act to avert aggressive bids for split-level investment trusts at their winding-up date, a senior City figure said yesterday. David Donne, the outgoing chairman of Sphere, now officially wound up, said the £170 million trust had "totally wasted" an extra £250,000 of shareholders' money to fight off what he described as "an aggressive and unnecessary counterbid from Gartmore". Guinness Flight was chosen to launch an Extra Income Investment Trust for Sphere investors. City Diary, page 29

Tamaris advances

TAMARIS, the nursing homes operator, has plans for further acquisitions. It is in talks to add to its existing 700 beds, bringing the total to about 1,000 by the year-end. Pre-tax profits rose to £610,000 in the six months to September 30, against £118,000 last time. Turnover rose to £4.36 million (£1.88 million). Profits were boosted by a £229,000 exceptional gain on the sale of a nursing home. Tamaris is recommending an interim dividend of 0.021375p (nil), payable on December 5, from earnings of 0.14p (0.05p) a share.

Crest date announced

CREST, the electronic share settlement system that is due to replace the Stock Exchange's existing Talisman system, will go live on July 15. The transition from Talisman to Crest, which is being developed under the aegis of the Bank of England, will begin on July 22, with the first settlement in Crest due to take place on August 19. Iain Saville, chief executive of CrestCo, the company set up to run the settlement system, said: "The project remains, as it always has been, on time and on budget."

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EQUITAS

Out of the frying pan?

Lloyd's is required to pass two solvency tests. In the first, which applies to all UK insurers, Lloyd's exceeded the minimum requirement by a factor of 3.9 last August. This makes Lloyd's one of Britian's best reserved insurers. The second test only applies to Lloyd's, and requires the Society's own reserves to exceed all individual solvency deficits in total.

If 1992 and prior open years are closed into Equitas, all the "insolvent" Names will be in Equitas, rather than in Lloyd's and won't be in the second test. Although this neatly fixes Lloyd's solvency problem, it could increase the risk run by Names. Their own fortunes will then be determined mainly by the furture of Equitas, rather than that of Lloyd's.

An insurance company is owned by whoever supplies its solvency margin. If Equitas were to have external ownership then asset stripping could easily occur. Just suppose that the solvency margin was provided by a consortium of external insurance companies with similiar asbestosis and pollution problems to Lloyd's. While those companies remained solvent it would be quite legitimate for them to take unsecured loans from Equitas.

However, while Equitas will have 17 years worth of reserves, external insurance companies have, at the most, only half that amount. Thus, if any of these companies became insolvent, Equitas could lose the value of some loans from its reserves. If, as a result of this, Equitas also failed then the Names would have unlimited liability with respect to any deficit. No law would have been broken, and the Names would have no redress.

So, once the Names are out of Lloyd's and into Equitas they will have even more to worry about than ever before. However, Lloyd's itself will, conveniently, have no further interest in the matter. As Equitas, on average, will hold reserves of around £0.5 million per Name, there are only three acceptable owners: the Names, Lloyd's and the Bank of England. Alternatively, if Equitas didn't meet the solvency margin, it could safely start in solvent run-off under aegis of the DTI.

If Names are forced to reinsure adequately funded syndicate liabilities and Equitas fails, they will effectively have had to pay their residual liabilities twice over. However, if Equitas were to be divided into separate companies for each class of business, then the original liability distributions would be maintained (Section 40), even if some of these companies became insolvent.

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☐ Names land significant victory ☐ City ponders Body Shop buyback ☐ Buy America policy sells Britain short

Auditors caught in Lloyd's net

☐ AS ANY keen fisherman knows, there is no pleasure quite like that of catching a plump fish after it has put up a good fight. But what no angler expects is for that fish, once landed, to get up, smooth down its scales and say rather haughtily: "You lost."

Ernst & Young has been well and truly landed. It fought hard, but yesterday it lost. The High Court ruling was clear: names won their claim for wrongful closure of the 1983, 1984 and 1985 years of account for Merrett syndicate 418.

How much money they will receive has yet to be decided, and the process of reaching a final sum could take months. But while 78 names lost their claim, there were 1,243 who won. In what looks like a desperate attempt to save face, the accountants' immediate response trumpeted "Lloyd's names thwarted by Merrett judgment" and promised an appeal that would be extremely unlikely to fail. But 1,243 points to 78 looks like a victory nonetheless.

The importance of the ruling, the first against a firm of accountants in relation to Lloyd's, goes further than just the Merrett action. Although Merrett's case was not typical of other "long-tail" cases in the pipeline, it does provide a significant precedent. If Ernst & Young had managed to wriggle off the hook, the chances would have been slim for the other long-tail action groups.

The success of the Merrett names means that the latter's prospects are still alive, but by no means certain. Perhaps more important is the bearing that the case has on Lloyd's of London's attempts to end the mass of legal actions against any number of different parties.

Lloyd's is offering £2.8 billion to the names as compensation for losses of more than £8 billion. This appeals to many of those parties being pursued because, in return, the names have to agree to forgo their right to legal action.

Until yesterday, the accountants had no need to join the party. With no legal ruling against them, what was the benefit to them in helping out? But the profession has slowly been reeled in, and the argument now for remaining aloof from the negotiations is severely weakened. Many names are turning hungrily to the accountants, with their deep pockets, as sources of compensation. The list of action groups taking and planning legal actions is growing. And while some of these actions resemble fishing with grenades in a barrel, others are highly sophisticated and well mapped out expeditions.

The consequence is clear. Unless the auditors come to the negotiating table, there is precious little chance that they will be left to drift lazily along the bottom of the river. Instead, the legal harpoons will come out.



Not the ideals situation

☐ ANITA and Gordon Roddick would never have put quite so much parsley soap in middle-class bathrooms without those City dinosaurs they profess to loathe. A stock market quote brought both finance for expansion and what every successful retailer needs these days, a high media profile.

So wide is the communication gap between the Roddicks and the City that, by yesterday evening, fund managers who own the company were still no wiser about whether they planned to take it private. The plan clearly existed once but its current status, after talks with bankers foundered, is doubtful. The City is disenchanted with Body Shop, and in particular with the messianic plans of the Roddicks to drive further into the US when their monopoly on "feel-good" ethical toiletries is under threat from own-label competition from their bigger high street competitors.

These concerns, it seems, are shared by the banks whom the management wished to substitute for those despised fund managers. The temptation is to write off Body Shop as one of those companies, like Virgin or Amstrad, that should never have gone public in the first case.

But the mismatch between the Roddicks and the City is more of a philosophical one than, as with Richard Branson or Alan Sugar, merely a fierce resentment that the market did not sufficiently value their worth.

Ms Roddick's statements, even those that bear reproduction in a family newspaper, should be taken with a pinch of low-iodine salt. But she clearly is less interested in profit than in running a socially responsible, environment-friendly business. While this may find favour with many, including her customers, it is anathema to the City. The only way this philosophy could survive in that environment is for Body Shop to cease expansion and jack up dividends, a future as unacceptable to the Roddicks as a dash for profits. Their only option is to go back to the bankers and try again.

David versus Uncle Sam

☐ UNFAIR American competition has already driven British industry out of two key technologies, laser ring-giros and image intensifiers. Now our own Ministry of Defence is colluding to see that Britain's supercomputers go the same way.

This is not a jingoistic argument about protecting incompetent, whining industrialists. Meiko is a valiant David which has successfully taken on American industry Goliaths, including Cray and IBM. But the Bristol company is having to shift production and work to the US. The reason is the Buy American Act, which prevents public bodies in the US from buying computers not designed and built in the US. This gives the Americans a protected home market from which they can undercut almost any rival overseas.

So why is the British public sector, whose seal of approval is essential for success here, favouring established American suppliers over their indigenous rivals? Such short-sighted "low-risk" purchasing policies merely prevent the emergence of effective competition which would both stimulate innovation and force down prices. The British Government is British industry's biggest customer. Why does it not use its purchasing power more wisely, Mr Heseltine?

Schadenfreude

☐ IMAGINE if Robin Leigh-Pemberton, after his stint at the Bank, were to see a well-deserved semi-retirement in charge of Coutts ruined by the admission of £10 million of rogue trading losses. The chagrin for Karl Otto Pöhl, still widely respected in Germany as the engineer of reunification, is no less. For boom-and-bust chancellors like Nigel Lawson, however, the proper word must be *Schadenfreude*.

Pilkington seeks £303m to fund acquisitions

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

PILKINGTON, the world's largest glassmaker, is raising £303 million through a rights issue to fund two acquisitions and to finance investment in emerging markets.

The company, which is struggling to push down debt, launched the large rights issue to buy out a joint partner in an Italian business and to purchase a group based in Switzerland and Scandinavia. Pilkington will also use the cash to pump £40 million into Latin America over the next three years, boosting capacity in Eastern Europe, and is planning further investment in China.

Shareholders are being asked for the money in a one-for-four issue priced at 155p. Yesterday, the shares closed at 189p, up 7p on the day.

Roger Leverton, chief executive, said: "We are looking to reduce our debt — that is a priority. So we are asking for the support of shareholders in these acquisitions. The opportunities are too good to miss but we need to raise the money."

Pilkington has set itself a long-term goal of 30 per cent gearing and a nearer-term target of 40 per cent. At the end of September, gearing was 59 per cent, seven percentage points down from the same period last year.

The company bought the outstanding half of SIV, the Italian glass business which supplies the windscreen market, for £120 million, and took on net debt of £68 million.

It also paid £55 million for Interplane, the flat glass processing and distribution units in Switzerland, Norway and Denmark, and acquired £17 million debt in the deal.

As concern grows that the glass cycle in Europe has peaked, Pilkington reported that its margin had improved two percentage points to 8 per cent, the level of its overall margin.

A boost came from a strong performance in European building products. But the company agreed that there was still room for improvement and that it was keen to see margins back in double figures.

Mr Leverton said it was unlikely that the company could impose further price rises, but that those already pushed through would hold.

Overall, Pilkington pushed up turnover 6 per cent to £1.3 billion, with 3 per cent of that coming from price rises. Cost-cutting throughout its businesses helped the pre-tax profit line to show a more impressive rise of 70 per cent, to £104 million.

The interim dividend, payable on February 16, was lifted from 1.5p to 1.75p.

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Warning from Life Sciences

SHARES in Life Sciences International, the healthcare company, fell 30 per cent yesterday after it issued its second profit warning this year (Alasdair Murray writes).

The company said that poor market conditions, expected to last at least until the end of the year, would significantly hit profits. This follows a warning in July and a subsequent 20 per cent fall in half-year profits to £10.6 million, from £13.2 million, in 1994.

The market reacted by slashing Life Science's share price from 122p to 86p at the close.

The company also admitted that it was making a $3m provision to cover a lawsuit against Shandon, its American subsidiary.

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Le Creuset chief to take group private

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

PAUL van Zuydam, chairman of Le Creuset, the French-based London-listed company best known for its cast-iron cookware, has accompanied announcement of a slide in first-half profits with unveiling plans to take the group back into private ownership.

Mr van Zuydam, who has a 73.7 per cent shareholding in Le Creuset, said that the board felt that the company has enjoyed no real benefit from its quotation on the Unlisted Securities Market since flotation in 1989. Mr van Zuydam intends to make a cash offer to minority shareholders at a premium to the current market price, and is discussing funding with a consortium of lenders. Full proposals will be put to shareholders by the end of December. Le Creuset shares jumped 18p, to 177p, on the news.

A provision-driven slump in pre-tax profits cut them to £117,000 in the half to June 30, from £1.07 million last time, in spite of sales rising by 6.5 per cent, to £22.7 million. The fall in profits was largely because of a £744,000 exceptional charge relating to forward currency cover costs for a "substantial proposed acquisition" that proved unsuccessful.

Mr van Zuydam said that the group's cost of sales was adversely affected in the first half by the US dollar and sterling declining further against the French franc.

Earnings per share collapsed to 0.4p (5p). There is again no interim dividend.

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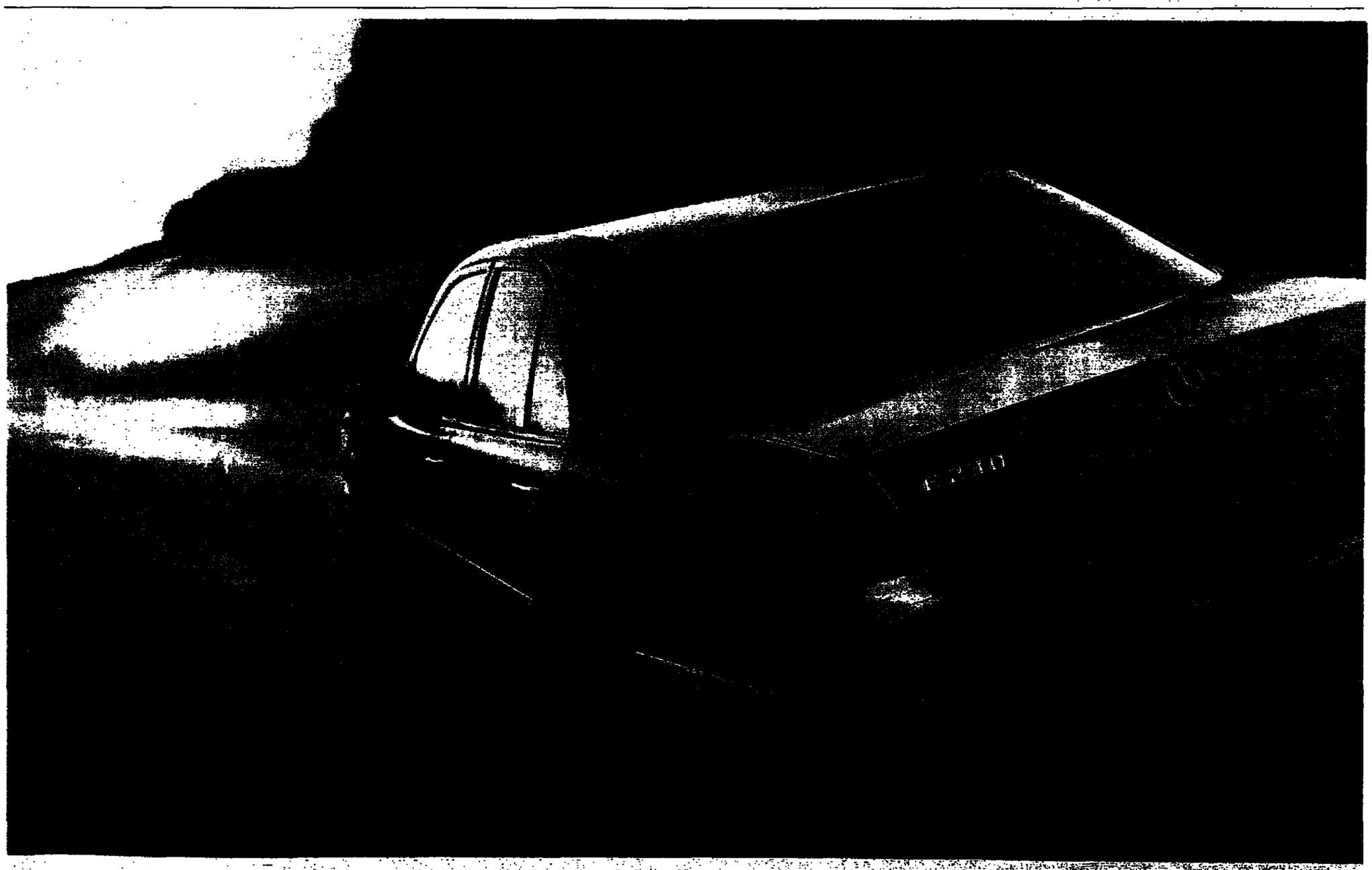
MEPC goes shopping in America

MEPC, the property group, is expanding its American shopping centre portfolio with an £84 million agreed bid for North American Property Unit Trust (Carl Mortished writes).

The takeover is part of a strategy shift involving the planned sale of MEPC's £170 million Continental European portfolio and reinvestment in the US and Australia. The strategy could lead to flotation of MEPC's American assets.

MEPC shares rose 13p to 376p as property analysts welcomed the deal, which will lift the value of the American portfolio to over $1 billion.

James Tuckey, MEPC's chief executive, said that, in the long term, the American shopping malls could form the basis of a separately quoted vehicle or a US-style real estate investment trust.



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Buyback companies rise on pre-Budget scare

COMPANIES contemplating share buyback plans were being urged not to delay and complete their transactions before Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, delivers his Budget speech on November 28.

Whispers circulating within the Square Mile yesterday suggested that anyone contemplating such a move after that date may find themselves having to deal with a tax burden they had not expected.

It is unlikely that the taxman has broken with tradition and acted generously by tipping everyone off. It is also unlikely that the Chancellor has given them a sporting chance by deciding to divulge the contents of his speech. So the prospect of something nasty emerging for UK plc in the Budget was being dismissed in most of City's watering holes last night.

Nevertheless, it provided an excuse to chase some of the buyback candidates higher in the hope that they may push forward any plans they are *considering to reward* shareholders.

Reuters led the way with a rise of 12p to 588p, closely followed by **Great Universal Stores**, 11p to 571p, **National Westminster Bank**, 11p to 632p and **Boots**, 5p to 560p.

The rest of the equity market was busily capitalising on the overnight strength of Wall Street and another strong showing by the Dow Jones average in early trading last night, which saw it climb more than 40 points.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 19.1 points higher at 3,529.1, with investors clinging to even the faintest of hopes that today's monthly meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England will provide a cut in base rates. But turnover levels remained thin, with just 506 million shares changing hands.

Cordiant, the old Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, firmed 2p to 86p ahead of the much publicised £100 million-plus rights issue. Speculation has it that terms of two-for-three at 100p were originally envisaged. This subsequently gave way to talk of a seven-for-eight at 78p; the latest theory is a one-for-one at 60p.

Body Shop jumped 30p to 155p after confirming that founders Gordon and Anita Roddick have had preliminary talks with the rest of the board about buying up the shares and taking the company private again.

The Roddicks already own 24 per cent of the company and are said to have received the backing of Ian McGlinn, the garage owner who first backed them to the tune of £4,000 and still owns almost 30 per cent. Dealers say the Roddicks may be prepared to offer up to 200p a share. The market seems certain to demand more. Another company planning to go private is **Le Creuset**, the cast iron cookware group. Its shares jumped 18p to 177p after Paul van Zuydam, chairman, announced he was planning to make a cash offer to shareholders at a premium to the current market price. He currently owns 73.7 per cent of the equity. Interim pre-tax profits last year plunged from £1.1 million to £117,000.



Roger Leverton, left and Nigel Rudd of Pilkington Glass

News of a cash raising exercise lifted **Pilkington**, Britain's biggest glassmaker, 7½p to 189½p. The group plans to generate £303 million by way of a rights issue on the basis of one-for-four at 155p. The proceeds will go towards funding two major investments and strengthening its car windscreen operation. Nigel Rudd, chairman, described growth in Pilkington's main markets as modest and said much needed to be done to improve efficiency and reduce costs. In the first six months of the year pre-tax profits grew from £61 million to £104 million.

A profits downgrading left Sears, the Selfridges store and Freemans mail order group, 1½p down at 101½p. James Capel, the broker, has cut its estimate for the current year by £15 million, to £120 million, and for next year from £150 million to £140 million. More than 8 million shares were traded.

London Electricity was an early casualty, dipping 19p to 901p after Thames Water dashed recent speculation that it intended to make a bid. Thames said that current talks were to consider the benefits of shared services.

The announcement coincided with interim figures from **Thames** showing pre-tax profits 10 per cent ahead at £165 million. The shares responded with a rise of 6p to 527p.

The failure of the Sports Council to decide the site for the new national stadium, left shares of **Wembley** 7p lower at 337p. The shortlist has been whittled down to just two contestants, Wembley and Manchester, and a final decision could take between three and six months.

A profits warning left **Life Sciences International**, the healthcare group, nursing a fall of 35p at 87p. During the first half pre-tax profits fell 16 per cent and a similar performance is expected during the second six months.

There was heavy turnover in **Black & Edgington** as almost 14 million shares were traded. The price closed ½p better at 6¼p.

Shares in **International Greetings**, which supplies private label greetings to major multiple retailers, made a sparkling debut on the Alternative Investment Market. It ended at 543p, compared with a placing price of 450p.

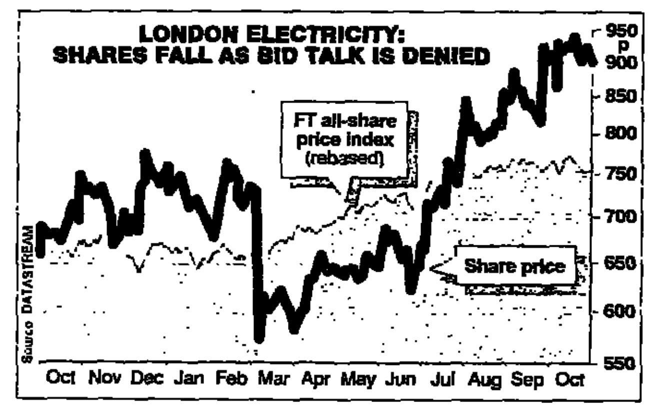
□ **GILT EDGED:** Stronger overseas bond markets paved the way for an encouraging performance in London, where prices were squeezed higher in thin trading. The best gains were seen at the longer end where prices rose more than £½ in places.

The market shrugged off the latest Purchasing Managers Index, which fell short of expectations, with most experts instead choosing to focus on Friday's non-farm payroll numbers.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt climbed £21/32 to end at £106 13/16 as a total of 45,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £23/32 to £98 21/32, while at the shorter end the rises were less impressive with Treasury 8 per cent 2000 £¼ firmer at £102 19/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street extended their gain in vigorous morning trading, following Monday's rally. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 37.93 points at 4,794.50.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4794.50 (+37.93)
S&P Composite .... 586.20 (+2.95)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 17654.64 (+145.47)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9782.39 (+110.00)

Amsterdam:
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Sydney:
AO .... 2073.7 (+6.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2167.91 (+21.80)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2107.38 (+7.22)

Brussels:
General .... 7764.19 (+16.18)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1814.01 (+18.67)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 693.10 (+5.70)

London:

FT 30	2589.5 (+10.1)
FT 100	3529.1 (+19.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3894.3 (+11.8)
FT-SE-A 350	1755.9 (+8.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1398.80 (+11.07)
FT A All-Share	1734.14 (+7.85)
FT Non Financials	1839.11 (+5.86)
FT Fixed Interest	111.66 (-0.15)
FT Govt Secs	93.47 (+0.14)
Bargains	25457
SEAQ Volume	528.7m
USM (Datastrm)	184.98 (+0.47)
US$	1.5809 (+0.0044)
German Mark	2.2240 (+0.0058)
Exchange Index	84.0 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1888
£:SDR	1.0516
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Asn Sml	92	...
Abtrust Asn Sml Wts	32½	...
Arlon Props	10	+ 1
Chartwell Intl	50	...
Cons Coal (50)	68	+ 3
Creos Intl	104	...
Fleming Jpn C	100	...
German Slr Wts	17	...
Hay & Robertson	38	...
Indpt Radio	117	...
Intl Greetings	543	...
MultiMedia (45)	60	- 1
Murray Vct	103	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

First Choice n/p (60)	6½	+ 1
Quality SP n/p (535)	130	...
Stordata Sol n/p (12)	5½	- ½
Wellington U n/p (100)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Body Shop	156p (+21p)
Unipalm	508p (+54p)
Northamber	251p (+20p)
Ranger	363p (+28p)
Jeff Smurfit	174p (+5p)
P & P	152p (+6p)
Ferguson Intl	234p (+9p)
Pilkington	189p (+7p)
Quality Care	271p (+10p)
MEPC	376p (+13p)
Sothebys	890p (+30p)
Scotia	650p (+20p)
Ramco Energy	368p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	815p (+20p)
Reuters	588p (+12p)

FALLS:

Kalon	113p (-7p)
Micro Focus	573p (-25p)
Sage Group	253p (-11p)
Govett	243p (-10p)
Blick	495p (-20p)
A Cohen	645p (-10p)
Morland	520p (-8p)
Norbain	480p (-7p)
Wembley	337p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Pure refreshing water

LUCKILY for the water industry's soggy image, the half-year results season was opened by Thames, which earned medals for its drought record, has not appeased City shareholders with extra cash packages and is not trying to buy an electricity company.

The latter owes more to pragmatism than lack of ambition. Thames shares are selling at less than seven times prospective earnings, little more than the 6.7 per cent dividend yield. Meanwhile, scarcity value is pushing London Electricity out of sight. It may come down to earth as potential foreign bidders fight shy of political exposure. Even then, the merger might only make financial sense if London was the bidder. Co-operation on services may well show that North West's expectations of savings are fancy, but should help to squeeze operating costs. In any case, Thames needs to deal with its own problems first. Its diversifications have been among the worst but are gradually being sold, slimmed or shut. If the group can sell its construction interests, including its miscalculated German foray, it might persuade the City to stop discounting its solidly performing utility. This will take time, since the new overseas water concessions will not start delivering for a while.

Until then, the focus will be on the utility, where pre-tax profits are rising at about 7 per cent but limited mainstream corporation tax will start diluting earnings growth next year. Raising the dividend by 12 per cent a year out of reduced cover would not be a great strategy, so Thames needs extra cost gains and non-core profits. Its low rating asks little, however, and looks a good each-way sector choice for a rocky run-up to the election.

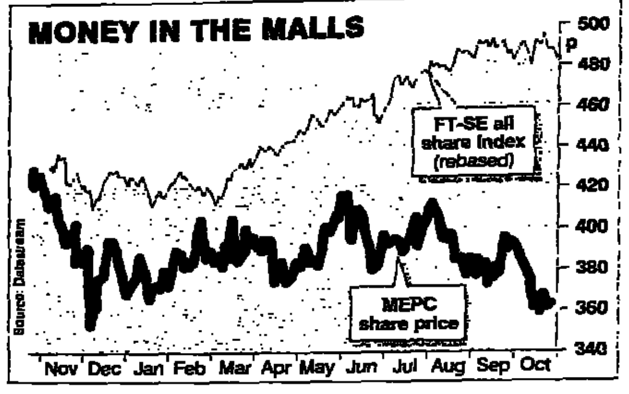
MEPC

SLOWLY but surely MEPC is beginning to emerge as a more interesting animal than the exhausted leviathan of two years ago, weighed down by over-rented London office developments. Like its peers, MEPC is struggling to grow its earnings in the UK but, in the meantime, is carving out a very attractive niche in the United States.

America is a notorious graveyard for property developers but MEPC has done two things right. It has used local management instead of running the operation from London and it has concentrated on malls. Unlike the boom and bust cycle of American office development, malls are more durable: their location and number are determined by big department stores who will ensure that new centres do not hurt existing stores.

Malls are also attractive because of American retail spending: MEPC is seeing double-digit growth in some centres and the buoyancy of US consumer demand contrasts with relative weakness in Europe where MEPC is seeking to sell a ragbag of investments.

The NAPUT shareholders who agreed to take MEPC paper yesterday will provide comfort to investors worried about the dividend. Longer term, if MEPC can expand the US portfolio further with money raised in Europe, the company could have a vehicle worth floating. American investors liked MEPC's preference issue and could provide further support.



Pilkington

PILKINGTON'S long march continues and even the bears are beginning to follow. The transformation of an old-style business with a cosy family image is taking shape.

Unfortunately, renewal costs money, and the world's largest glass company does not have the cash to pay for it. Its strategy has become more sophisticated, and the company is not content merely to surf the glass cycle. Global expansion exposes it to different economic cycles, enabling it to enjoy growth in one area when sales plunge in another. The strategy was boosted by yesterday's purchases and planned spending, and makes more sense than the disastrous foray into contact lenses.

The bulk of Pilkington's consolidation is focused on Europe as it spreads its base in the South and East. Through its supplies to the automotive trade, it is well placed to take advantage of growing markets in Asia. The company is forecasting an immediate earnings gain from the acquisitions. But even after dipping into shareholder's pockets for a little extra cash, the company will have to wrestle further with debt to reach its goal of 30 per cent gearing. Currently, the debt-to-equity ratio is 59 per cent, only slightly down from 66 per cent last year.

However, Pilkington is getting better at managing its working capital, and further cost cutting is planned for the European operations. The company is in better shape now than it has been for some time.

Life Sciences

IT IS a mystery why Life Sciences International continually fails to deliver on its promised potential. Yesterday's warning is the third disappointment in only 18 months but investors are none the wiser as to the true cause of the difficulties. In 1993, profits were held back by the Clinton healthcare reforms while a 20 per cent decline in the interims this year was blamed on the dollar and a recent acquisition.

Life Sciences is once again blaming America. The US accounts for half of the group's business, with 15 per cent indirectly funded by the Government, and Congressional logjams have frozen spending. However, Life Sciences is hardly a basket case. It has leading products, and over the last three years has delivered free cash flow, after interest, dividends and tax, of about £10 million.

Specialist manufacturers, with good market positions, generating cash are thin on the ground. After yesterday's bombshell, the shares are probably trading on a prospective multiple of about ten times. If the management does not move quickly, it may find that the shareholders are being courted by another team.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	920-919	Mar	1034-1033
Mar	951-950	May	1045-1044
May	968-967	Jul	unq
Jul	985-983	Sep	—
Sep	1001-1000		
Dec	1018-1017		Volume: 2682

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2345-2335	Jul	2110-2105
Jan	2285-2284	Sep	2080-2070
Mar	2218-2216	Nov	2060-2040
May	2155-2150		Volume: 5528

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	316.7-16.2
Spot: 378.0		Oct	287.6-87.0
Dec	353.1-51.5	Dec	284.6-83.5
Mar	331.6-30.4	Mar	282.6-80.5
May	323.0-22.4		Volume: 3457

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	98.08	106.13	127.16
(+/-)	-0.52	+2.61	-0.14
Eng/Wales	98.08	106.50	127.30
(+/-)	+0.49	+2.90	+0.04
(%)	+3.0	-7.0	+3.0
Scotland	98.13	104.44	126.66
(+/-)	+1.69	+1.28	-2.08
(%)	-42.0	-11.0	-10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.60	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.40	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.20	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.65	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.45	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 177 (+1)	O: 179 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	155 (+1)	156 (+1)
Non EEC IH Nov	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Dec	155 (+1)	156 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	86 (n/c)	88 (n/c)
Naphtha	155 (n/c)	156 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	152.50-52.75	Feb	151.00-51.25
Dec	151.75-52.00	Mar	149.75-50.00
Jan	151.50-51.75		Vol: 11048

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.38-16.39	Mar	15.90-15.94
Jan	16.18-16.19	Apr	15.83 BID
Feb	16.03-16.05		Vol: 32802

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	122.50
Jan	125.12
Mar	127.15
May	129.00
Jul	130.90
Volume: 372	

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	111.90
Jan	115.15
Mar	117.35
May	119.30
Sep	109.00
Volume: 64	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	184.0
Apr	280.0	276.3
May	unq	320.0
		Volume: 31

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 100.25-100.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	unq	unq	1565
Nov 95	1625	1595	1610
Dec 95	1625	1585	1600
Jan 96	1615	1580	1590
Vol: 473 lots		Open Interest: 4102	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2830.0-2832.0	2699.0-2700.0	173575
Lead ($/tonne)	696.00-697.00	683.00-684.00	138850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	996.00-996.50	1019.5-1020.0	693275
Tin ($/tonne)	6370.0-6375.0	6400.0-6410.0	26475
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1643.0-1644.0	1679.0-1679.5	1204550
Nickel ($/tonne)	8693.0-8695.0	8810.0-8815.0	87108

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3535.0	3551.0	3527.0	3541.0	10661
Previous open interest: 68143	Mar 96	3569.0	3569.0	3569.0	3569.0	70
FT-SE 250	Dec 95				3910.0	0
Previous open interest: 3537	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.34	93.37	93.33	93.37	7969
Previous open interest: 336045	Mar 96	93.45	93.50	93.45	93.49	9835
	Jun 96	93.41	93.47	93.41	93.46	4332
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.22	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.49	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	95.98	95.99	95.97	95.99	16271
Previous open interest: 807679	Mar 96	96.12	96.15	96.11	96.13	14578
Long Gilt	Dec 95	106-06	106-28	106-00	106-26	45174
Previous open interest: 100895	Mar 96	106-05	106-09	106-05	106-08	10
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	121.34	121.66	121.33	121.58	4394
	Mar 96	120.10	120.34	120.10	120.30	904
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	96.40	96.73	96.34	96.63	90371
Previous open interest: 206472	Mar 96	95.84	96.04	95.80	96.03	613
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.38	94.39	94.35	94.37	740
Previous open interest: 19102	Mar 96	94.49	94.51	94.49	94.51	232
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	98.00	98.04	98.00	98.01	2860
Previous open interest: 48974	Mar 96	98.09	98.14	98.06	98.11	3592
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	101.80	102.41	101.75	102.14	32780
Previous open interest: 50067	Mar 96	101.60	101.70	101.55	101.78	134

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¾ Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.73	n/a	5.78	5.78	5.72
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.60 Close: $382.90-383.00 High: $382.50-383.00
Low: $381.95-382.45 AM: $382.40 PM: $382.65
Krugerrand: $383.50-385.50 (£242.00-244.00)
Platinum: $410.00 (£260.15) Silver: $5.36 (£3.385) Palladium: $136.50 (£86.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4807-2.4983	2.4951-2.4983	[illegible]pr	[illegible]ds
Brussels	45.67-45.85	45.74-45.85	0.05-0.04pr	0.14-0.12pr
Copenhagen	8.6130-8.6570	8.6350-8.6570	[illegible]ds	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9728-0.9787	0.9761-0.9787	11-8pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2213-2.2290	2.2259-2.2290	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	234.05-235.18	234.53-235.18	0.31-0.46ds	1.09-1.34ds
Madrid	192.59-193.23	192.92-193.23	0.31-0.41ds	1.12-1.20ds
Milan	2513.2-2523.8	2519.6-2523.8	0.06-0.07ds	0.19-0.20ds
Montreal	2.1015-2.1215	2.1173-2.1203	0.05-0.08ds	0.15-0.20ds
New York	1.5754-1.5826	1.5816-1.5826	0.12-0.10pr	0.32-0.29ds
Oslo	9.8260-9.8630	9.8470-9.8630	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.7150-7.7350	7.7180-7.7320	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	10.475-10.523	10.499-10.523	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	160.60-161.95	161.68-161.95	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	15.630-15.682	15.655-15.682	[illegible]pr	[illegible]3pr
Zurich	1.7898-1.7997	1.7965-1.7993	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3138-1.3147
Austria	9.92-9.93
Belgium (Com)	29.01-29.05
Canada	1.3440-1.3450
Denmark	5.4765-5.4795
France	4.9027-4.9042
Germany	1.4107-1.4112
Hong Kong	7.7313-7.7323
Ireland	1.6139-1.6159
Italy	1595.00-1596.00
Japan	102.25-102.35
Malaysia	2.5432-2.5442
Netherlands	1.5816-1.5821
Norway	6.2445-6.2465
Portugal	148.70-148.80
Singapore	1.4145-1.4155
Spain	122.35-122.40
Sweden	6.6533-6.6552
Switzerland	1.1380-1.1390

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5759-1.5785
Australia dollar	2.0707-2.0727
Bahrain dinar	0.5880-0.6000
Brazil real*	1.5142-1.5184
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7000-0.7100
Finland markka	6.6475-6.7635
Greece drachma	362.25-369.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.1856-12.1910
India rupee	53.97-54.93
Indonesia rupiah	3541.00-3609.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4680-0.4780
Malaysia ringgit	4.0080-4.0108
New Zealand dollar	2.3881-2.3914
Pakistan rupee	53.99 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6750-5.7990
Singapore dollar	2.2331-2.2361
S Africa rand (com)	5.6960-5.7980
U A E dirham	5.7250-5.8490

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	273	Legal & Gn	1,800
ASDA Gp	10,000	Lloyds Bk	2,100
Abbey Ntl	2,700	London Elect	487
Allied Dom	1,400	Marks Spr	4,600
Argyll Gp	2,600	Mid Elec	31
Arjo Wggns	152	NatWst Bk	4,800
AB Foods	185	Nat Power	1,400
BAA	1,700	NW Water	1,800
BAT Inds	4,400	P & O	1,300
BOC	1,100	Pearson	841
BP	5,900	PowerGen	930
BSkyB	1,100	Prudential	2,800
BTR	11,000	REXAM	390
BT	5,100	RMC	437
Bk of Scot	387	RTZ	1,700
Barclays	5,500	Rank Org	564
Bass	901	Reckitt Col	317
Blue Circle	1,200	Redland	947
Boots	816	Reed Intl	743
BAe	3,700	Rentokil	984
BA	2,200	Reuters	4,200
Brit Gas	6,800	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Steel	7,500	Royal Ins	2,300
Burmah Cstl	726	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100
Cable Wire	3,900	Sainsbury	2,700
Cadbury	2,700	Schroders	105
Carlton Cms	629	Scot & New	469
Cm Union	2,700	Scot Power	3,300
Cookson	101	Sears	8,300
Courtaulds	599	Svrn Trent	278
De La Rue	200	Shell Trans	2,900
Enterpr Oil	174	Siebe	1,200
Forte	2,100	SmKl Bch	2,100
GKN	895	Smith Nph	970
GRE	1,700	Sthern Elec	1,500
GUS	833	Std Chartd	3,400
Gen Acc	1,700	Sun Allnce	2,600
Gen Elec	4,500	TI Gp	339
Glaxo Well	3,800	TSB	1,900
Granada	671	Tate & Lyle	701
Grand Met	3,200	Tesco	6,900
Guinness	3,100	Thames W	1,100
HSBC	1,400	Thrn EMI	784
Hanson	9,600	Tomkins	1,400
ICI	1,400	Unilever	920
Inchcape	194	Vodafone	7,300
Kingfisher	1,800	Whitbread	442
LASMO	1,300	Wlms Hld	1,500
Ladbroke	1,700	Wolseley	788
Land Secs	628	Zeneca	849

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	21	31½	35½	16½	20½	30½
(*510½)	550	4	11½	15½	52½	54½	64½
Argyll	300	27½	35	39½	5½	9	14
(*322)	330	10	18	23	18½	22½	28½
ASDA	100	7½	10	13	3½	5½	6½
(*103)	110	3	5½	8½	9	11	12
Boots	550	25	38½	45½	13½	19½	26½
(*560½)	600	6	16	23	47	50	55½
Br Airways	420	41	51½	58	5	8	13½
(*455½)	460	16½	27½	34½	19	24	30
BP	460	18½	26½	32	12	18	22½
(*465½)	500	3½	10½	16	39½	43	46
Br Steel	160	8½	13	15½	6	8	11½
(*163½)	180	1½	5	7½	20	21	24½
C & W	390	32	46	52	7	13	18½
(*414)	420	14½	29	36	19½	26	32
CU	600	38½	48	56	14	28½	33
(*614)	650	16	23½	32½	41	57½	61
ICI	750	44½	55	65½	12	25½	31
(*773½)	800	18½	29	40	36½	52	57
Kingfishr	460	32½	43	48	9½	21	26
(*476)	500	12½	22½	28	30	42	47
Land Sec	550	35½	46½	52	6½	10	19
(*579)	600	9	18½	24	32	34½	45
M & S	420	17	27½	32	11	16	21
(*424)	460	3	10½	15	39	41½	45
Nat West	600	49½	57½	66	9	22½	29½
(*631½)	650	21½	30½	40½	30½	48	55½
Sainsbury	420	18½	27½	31½	11	16½	20½
(*424)	460	4½	10½	14½	39½	41½	44½
Shell	700	54	64½	67½	2½	10	14
(*741)	750	19½	30½	36½	18	31½	35
Smkl Bch	650	30	44	56½	17½	26	32
(*659½)	700	9½	21½	33½	48	55	59½
Storehse	300	12	19	26	11½	15	19
(*300)	330	3	8	14	32½	34½	37½
Trafalgar	20	5	6½	7½	3	3	4
(*23)	25	2½	4½	5½	6	6	7
Unilever	1200	51½	73	83½	14½	30	36
(*1231)	1250	22½	44	56½	38½	54	60
Zeneca	1150	74½	98½	122	28½	52	63
(*1179)	1200	48	71½	95	51	76	85½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	22	34½	40	3	15½	17½
(*438)	460	3½	15½	21	24½	38½	39
Ladbroke	160	7½	14	16½	1	5	7½
(*166)	180	0	5	7½	14	16	19
Utd Bisc	260	15½	29½	32	1½	8	11½
(*273)	280	4½	14½	21	9½	16½	21½

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	38½	50½	56½	5	8½	13½
(*492)	500	14	26	32½	21	24½	30
Thames W	500	33½	46	53½	10½	15½	26
(*526½)	550	11½	23	28½	39	42½	53½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	23	40	46½	4½	13½	23½
(*518)	550	1	16½	22	33½	39½	51
BTR	330	8½	19½	23½	2½	8½	14
(*335½)	360	0	6½	10	24½	26	32
Br Aero	700	19½	49½	61½	9½	27½	38
(*709½)	750	2½	25½	39½	42	55	65
Br Telcm	360	17½	24	30½	1	8½	10
(*375½)	390	1½	9	16	15	25	26½
Cadbury	500	27½	48	49½	3½	15½	21
(*523)	550	4	22½	25½	29½	40½	46½
Guinness	500	12½	29½	36½	4	12½	21½
(*507)	550	0	9	14½	43	44½	51
GEC	300	15½	23	30	1½	7	8
(*314½)	330	0½	8	15	16½	22	23½
Hanson	191	5	9½	—	2½	9	—
(*194)	211	0	2½	—	17	23	—
LASMO	140	14½	20	22½	0	3	5
(*154)	160	1½	8½	11½	7	11½	14
Lucas	180	12½	20½	24	1	4½	7
(*191½)	200	1½	10½	13	10	14	16½
Pilkingtn	180	11	15½	21½	1	6	7
(*189)	200	1½	6½	11½	11½	16½	17½
Prudential	390	10	25½	32	6	14½	33
(*394)	420	1	12½	18	26½	30½	40½
Redland	330	20½	33	40	1½	5½	12
(*348½)	360	2½	16	23	13½	18	26½
R-Royce	140	15	19½	21½	0	3	4
(*154½)	160	1	7½	10½	7	11	14
Tesco	300	6	17	21	4½	11	16½
(*300)	330	0	5½	9	30	31	35
Vodafone	260	6½	17	24½	5½	13½	17
(*260½)	280	1	9	15½	20	25½	28½
Williams	300	15	24	28	1	5	10
(*313)	330	1	8½	12	17½	20	26

FT-SE INDEX (*3529)

	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650
Calls						
Nov	140	97	58½	31½	14	4½
Dec	169½	130	96	65½	44	26½
Jan	193	155½	125½	95½	73½	53
Feb	212	176½	146½	116	93½	71
Jun	299½	—	196	—	145½	—
Puts						
Nov	8	13½	28	53	88	134
Dec	25½	38½	56	77½	106½	143
Jan	42	55½	75½	97½	126	158
Feb	51	66	85½	107	135	165
Jun	98	—	133	—	180½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	500	44½	56	58	5	15½	19
(*535½)	550	14	26	30	23	40	43½
Amstrad	280	19½	29	36½	6½	12	15½
(*292)	300	9½	18½	26½	16	21½	25
Barclays	700	52½	70½	77½	6	20½	26
(*741½)	750	20½	39½	49	23	43	48½
Blue Circ	280	19	28½	31	5	10	16½
(*291)	300	8½	18	21	14	19½	27
Br Gas	240	10½	17½	20½	7	10	15
(*241½)	260	3	8½	11½	20	21½	26½
Dixons	360	30½	39½	48½	4	11	14½
(*383)	390	12	22½	31½	15½	24	22½
Forte	240	15½	22½	25½	3	7½	10½
(*250½)	260	5½	11½	15	12½	16½	20
Tarmac	80	8½	12½	13½	2½	3½	6
(*86)	90	3½	7	8½	7	8½	11
Hillsdwn	160	9	13½	15½	2½	5½	10½
(*167½)	180	1½	5	7	15½	17	23
Lonrho	140	18½	20½	23	0½	3½	3½
(*156)	160	5½	8½	12	7½	12	12
Sears	100	5	8	9½	2½	4½	6
(*101½)	110	1	3½	5	9	10½	12
Thrn EMI	1450	61½	98½	135½	31½	47	50½
(*1473½)	1500	36½	72	108½	57½	72	73
Tomkins	240	15½	21½	27	3½	8	10
(*250½)	260	4	12	17	13½	18	20½
TSB	360	17	23½	29½	6½	15	18½
(*373)	390	2	8	12½	21½	32½	34
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	37	53	64	25	39	47
(*853)	900	16	29½	41½	54	67½	75
HSBC	900	70½	93½	105	17	40	49½
(*941)	950	42	64½	78	37	63½	72½
Reuter	550	54½	66½	77½	8½	16½	21½
(*589)	600	25	37	49½	27	36½	43
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	390	22½	31½	39½	16	29	35
(*390)	420	13½	19	28	34½	47½	53
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	5	5	5½	0½	1	0½
(*264)	280	0	0	0	18	18	20
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	27	30½	29	0½	0½	1
(*975½)	1000	0½	0½	0½	24½	30	31
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	36½	46	56½	4	9	14
(*493)	500	10½	23	33½	18	24	32
Scot Pwr	330	26	30½	37½	3½	8½	10
(*350)	360	7½	13½	21	15	22½	23½

October 31, 1995 Tot: 23340 Call: 13735 Put: 9605 FT-SE Call: 7852 Put: 6406
*Underlying security price.

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	Oct 31 midday	Oct 30 close
AMP Inc	39½	39½
AMR Corp	66	65½
AT & T	63½	62½
Abbott Labs	39½	39½
Advanced Micro	24	24½
Aetna Life	70½	70½
Ahmanson (HF)	25½	25½
Air Prod & Chem	52½	52½
Albertson's	33½	33½
Alcan Aluminm	31½	30½
Alco Standard	88½	88½
Allied Signal	42½	43½
Alum Co of Am	50½	51½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	45½	44½
Amer Brands	42½	42½
Amer El Power	38½	38½
Amer Express	41	40½
Amer Genl Corp	33½	33½
Amer Home Pr	88½	88½
Amer Intl	84½	84½
Amer Stores	30½	30½
Ameritech	54½	54½
Amoco	64½	64½
Anheuser-Busch	66½	66½
Apple Computer	35½	35½
Archer Daniels	16½	16½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	59½	59
Asarco	32½	31
Ashland Oil	31½	31½
Atl Richfield	107½	106½
Auto Data Pro	71½	71½
Avery Dennison	44½	44½
Avon Products	71½	71½
Baker Hughes	20	19½
Baltim Gas & El	26½	27½
Banc One	34½	34
BankAmerica	57½	58
Bank of NY	42½	42½
Bankers Tr NY	64½	65½
Barnett Banks	55½	55½
Bausch & Lomb	35½	35½
Baxter Intl	38½	39½
Becton Dicknsn	65½	65½
Bell Atlantic	64½	64½
Bell Industries	21	20½
BellSouth	77½	76½
Black & Decker	34½	33½
Block (H&R)	41½	42½
Boeing	66½	67
Boise Cascade	37	36½
Bristol Myrs Sq	76½	76½
Browning Ferris	29½	28½
Brunswick	19½	19½
Burlington Nthn	84½	82½
CBS	80½	80½
CNA Financial	114	113½
CPC Intl	66½	66½
CSX	84½	82½
Campbell Soup	53	52½
Can Pacific	16½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	118½	118
Carolina Pwr	33½	33½
Caterpillar	56½	55
Central & SW	27	27½
Champion Intl	54½	53½
Chase Manhat	57½	58½
Chemical Bk	57½	57½
Chevron Corp	47½	46½
Chrysler	51½	53
Chubb Corp	90½	90½
Cigna Corp	97½	99½
Citicorp	65½	65½
Clorox	72½	72½
Coastal Corp	32½	32½
Coca Cola	72½	71½
Colgate-Palmolive	70½	69½
Columbia Gas	38½	37½
Compaq Comp	56½	54½
Comp Ass Intl	55½	55½
Conagra	38½	39½
Conrail	68½	67½
Cons Edison	30½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	38½	38½
Cooper Inds	34	33½
Corestates	36½	36½
Corning Inc	26½	26½
Crown Cork	35½	35
Dana Corp	25½	26½
Dayton Hudson	69½	70½
Deere	91½	91½
Delta Air Lines	66½	65½
Deluxe Corp	27½	27½
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	56	55
Dillard Dept St	27½	27½
Disney (Walt)	58½	57½
Dominion Res	40½	40½
Donnelley (RR)	37½	37½
Dover Corp	39½	38
Dow Chemical	69½	69½
Dow Jones	35½	35½
Dresser	21½	21
Duke Power	45	45½
Dun & Brdstreet	60	60½
Du Pont	62½	62½
Eastman Kodak	62½	62½
Eaton Corp	51½	51½
Emerson Elec	72½	72½

	Oct 31 midday	Oct 30 close
Engelhard Corp	24½	25½
Enron Corp	34½	34½
Entergy	28½	28½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	76½	76
FMC Corp	71½	71½
FPL Group	42½	42
Federal Express	82½	82½
Fed Nat Mtge	105½	104½
First Chicago	68½	69½
First Interstate	127½	128
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	39½	39½
Fluor Corp	56½	58½
Ford Motor	29	29½
GTE Corp	41½	40½
Gannett	54½	55
Gap Inc Del	39½	37½
Gen Dynamics	55½	55
Gen Electric	63½	63½
Gen Mills	57½	57½
Gen Motors	43½	44½
Gen Reinsurance	146½	146½
Gen Signal	32½	32½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	85½	83½
Gillette	48½	48½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27	26½
Goodrich (BF)	66½	65½
Goodyear Tire	38½	38½
Grace (W&R)	56½	56½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	20½	20½
Great Wstn Fin	23	22½
Halliburton	43	43
Harcourt General	39½	39½
Heinz (HJ)	46½	46½
Hercules	53½	53½
Hershey Foods	59½	60½
Hewlett Packard	95½	96
Hilton Hotels	67	67½
Home Depot	38½	38½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	42½	42½
Household Intl	56½	56
Houston Inds	40½	40½
Humana	21½	21½
ITT Corp	121½	120
Illinois Tool	58½	58½
Illinova	28½	28½
INCO	34½	34
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	23½	23½
Intel Corp	71	69½
IBM	98½	98½
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	47½
Intl Paper	37½	36½
James River Va	32½	32½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	81½	81½
Kellogg	72½	72
Kerr-McGee	55½	54½
Kimberly-Clark	72½	72½
Kmart	8½	8½
Knight-Ridder	56½	56½
Lilly (Eli)	96½	96½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
Lincoln Nat	44½	44½
Litton	39½	39½
Liz Claiborne	28½	28½
Lockheed Martin	68½	68½
Louisiana Pac	24½	23½
MCI Comm	25½	25½
Marriott Int	37	36½
Marsh & McLen	81	81
Masco Corp	28½	28½
May Dept St	39	38½
Maytag Corp	19	18½
McDonalds	41½	41
McDonnell D	82½	81½
McGraw Hill	82½	82½
Mead Corp	58½	57½
Medtronic	58½	58½
Mellon Bk	50½	50½
Melville Corp	32	32½
Merck Inc	57½	57½
Merrill Lynch	55½	54½
Microsoft	102½	102½
Minnesota Mine	56½	56½
Mobil Corp	100½	100½
Monsanto	106½	106½
Morgan (JP)	77½	77½
Motorola Inc	66	65½
Natl Semi	24½	25½
Natl Service Ind	29½	29½
Navistar Int	10½	9½
NBD Bancorp	38½	38½
NY Times A	27½	28
Newmont Mng	36½	35½
Niag Mohawk	10½	11
Nike B	57	113½
NL Industries	13½	13
Noram Energy	7½	7½
Nordstrom	37½	37½
Norfolk Sthrn	77½	76½
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47½
Norwest Corp	30½	30
Nynex Corp	47½	47½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	22½	22½
Oracle	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

	Oct 31 midday	Oct 30 close
Owens Corning	42½	42½
PPG Industries	42½	42½
PNC Bank	26½	26½
PP&L Res	22½	22½
Paccar Inc	42	41½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	29½	29½
Pac Telesis	30½	30
Pall Corp	24½	23½
Panhandle East	25½	26
Peco Energy	29½	29½
Penney (JC)	42½	42½
Pennzoil	38	37½
Pepsico	52½	52½
Pfizer	58½	58½
Phelps Dodge	64	62½
Philip Morris	84½	83½
Phillips Pet	32½	32½
Pitney Bowes	43½	42½
Polaroid	42½	42½
PriceCostco	17½	17½
Procter & Gmbl	82½	81½
Providian	39½	39½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	34½	34
Ralston Purina	59½	57½
Raychem Corp	46½	46½
Raytheon	43½	43½
Reebok Intl	34	34½
Reynolds Metals	50½	51
Roadway Srvcs	45½	45½
Rockwell Intl	45½	44½
Rohm & Haas	56½	56
Royal Dutch	124½	122½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
SBC Comms	55½	55
Safeco Corp	64½	63½
St Paul's Cos	51½	51½
Salomon Inc	36½	36
Sara Lee Corp	29½	29½
Scecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	53½	53½
Schlumberger	63½	61½
Scott Paper	53½	53½
Seagram	35½	35½
Sears Roebuck	34½	34½
Shell Trans	71½	70
Sherwin Wlms	37½	37½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	42½	42½
Southern Co	24½	24½
Sprint Corp	38½	38½
Stanley Works	48½	47½
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	78½	78½
Suntrust	65½	66½
Supervalu	30½	30½
Sysco Corp	30½	30
TRW Inc	66½	66½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	11½	12
Tandy Corp	51½	51½
Teledyne	25½	25½
Temple Inland	46	46
Tenneco	44½	43½
Texaco	68½	68½
Texas Inst	70½	70½
Texas Utilities	36½	36½
Textron	68½	68½
Time Warner	36½	36½
Times-Mirror A	29½	29½
Timken	39½	39½
Torchmark	41½	41½
Toys R Us	21½	22
Transamerica	68½	67½
Travelers	50½	50½
Tribune	63½	63½
Tyco Labs	61½	61
UST Inc	30½	30½
UAL	175½	175½
US Inds	15½	15½
USX Marathon	17½	18½
Unicom	33½	33½
Unilever NV	131½	130½
Union Camp	51½	51½
Union Carbide	38½	37½
Union Pacific	65½	64½
Unisys Corp	5½	5½
USAIR Group	14	13½
USF&G Corp	16½	17
US Life	28½	28½
US West	46½	46½
United Tech	96½	98½
Unocal Corp	26½	25½
Upjohn	50½	50½
VF Corp	47½	47½
WMX Tech	27½	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	22	21½
Warner-Lambert	85½	85½
Wells Fargo	206	206½
Westinghouse El	14½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	45	44½
Whirlpool	53½	52½
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	64½	65
Woolworth	14½	14½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46½	47
Xerox	133½	133½
Yellow Corp	13½	13

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When public companies lead to private grief

Alasdair Murray looks at the chequered history of bids to buy back quoted firms

Shareholders can be forgiven if their first reaction on hearing that a quoted company is going private is to check their wallets. There is always the suspicion that the directors proposing the move know something the ordinary shareholders do not.

Most of the high profile attempts to go private in recent years have been led by powerful entrepreneurs, often the founders and major shareholders of the business, men such as Alan Sugar at Amstrad, Richard Branson at Virgin and Andrew Lloyd Webber at the Really Useful Group.

The ordinary shareholders are supposed to have the protection of the non-executive directors, who have a duty to guarantee a good price, but the experience in recent years suggests they are not always up to their job — and in the case of the Sugar takeover there were no non-executives on the board at the time.

But as the Roddicks are finding with their plans for the Body Shop, having an inside advantage does not necessarily guarantee success. Even if you can persuade the non-executive directors of the virtues of your plans, there is the little matter of overcoming shareholder opposition, especially from the institutions, and persuading the banks or venture capitalists that they should take all of the risk and not split it with the markets.

Unless you are prepared to offer a very good price, or a very good reason, the recent history of attempts to go private suggests that they may fail.

This spring, Conrad Black suffered defeat over his plans to take The Telegraph newspaper group private.

Black's undoing was his uneasy relationship with the City and investors. His share placement in 1994 had outraged many in the City because it was so quickly followed by Black's entry into the newspaper price war, which saw Telegraph share prices plummet below the offer figure of 587p.

At the time of Black's buy-back offer they were still hovering around 430p but despite Black's offer price of 470p, many investors were not persuaded that this was anything like their real value, should there be a truce in the price war.

Black was not helped by having established a team of non-executive directors made up entirely of the great and good, including figures such as Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Carrington and Sir Evelyn de Rothschild. The board offered credibility to Black's company but also played its role on behalf of the shareholders and decided that 510p was closer to the real value and declined Black's offer.

Some shareholders, particularly those who bought at the flotation price of 325p, felt the board had been too demanding, and The Telegraph's share price is yet to recover.

Similarly, Alan Sugar was defeated in his attempt to take the electronics firm Amstrad private in December 1992, because shareholders felt that the 30p offer price was insufficient. Sugar, famous for his abrasive manner, had not helped his cause by expressing his contempt for the demands of both the City and the active small shareholders. After the defeat at an extraordinary meeting, Sugar memorably called the series of small shareholders who had spoken out against the offer, "Karaoke shareholders, keen to hear their own voice".

Not all attempts to go private have foundered on mutual mistrust and lack of funding. Some businessmen have managed to use their popular status to push through their plans. Richard Branson, a genius at public relations, took Virgin private in 1988 just two uncomfortable years after he had floated the company. Branson justifiied the move on two counts, pointing to the disappointing share price his company held, which had never climbed back to the flotation price of 140p and criticising the City for short termism.

Branson felt that the City misunderstood the high risk/high investment business he was involved in. Noticeably, he had never taken the airline side of his holdings public, after it was given a negative value on his provisional balance sheet. Justified by a healthy £11 million profit from this arm in 1987, Branson decided the rest of his business interests should follow suit.

Branson also made public play of the fact that he was embarrassed by Virgin staff and friends, including pop stars such as Phil Collins and Mike Oldfield, who had subscribed to Virgin in good faith but had seen the value of their holdings fall. To make amends, Branson bought the shares back at the original offer price of 140p and continued with is expansionist aims.

Andrew Lloyd Webber also decided to go private because he felt he had lost control of the direction of the company. But Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group is an unusual case because it had no physical assets to speak of and was almost entirely dependent on the output of one man — Lloyd Webber himself.

Lloyd Webber realised that if he did not want to write the company would lose all value. So, when Lloyd Webber decided he had had enough of being a hugely succesful popular musical writer and decided to try to develop his serious classical side, he felt that the only fair solution was to take the company private, paying off the shareholders.

Lloyd Webber was in a strong position to do this, because if the decision went against him he could simply threaten to not work and force the share price down. Establishing a true value to the company was always going to be an inexact science and there has been criticism of the non-executive directors Lord Gowrie and Melvyn Bragg for missing the true value of the musical publishing wing of the business. But Lloyd Webber's offer of 232p, double the flotation price, generally satisfied the shareholders.

Taking a company private is laden with pitfalls, but the lesson for the Roddicks is clear. If you have the status and come up with the price, shareholders and the banks will support you.



Personal preference: Gordon and Anita Roddick, top, with centre, from left, Richard Branson, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Conrad Black, and Amstrad's Alan Sugar, bottom

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Final innings for BATs man

SIR Patrick Sheehy, the ebullient chairman of BATs, is honoured indeed. On November 13, two weeks before Budget Day, Sir Patrick is invited to 11 Downing Street, where Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will host a reception in his honour.

Lest anybody cry "foul" in the belief that the tobacco chairman has an unfair chance to lobby on behalf of the highly taxed industry, this is purely a social occasion.

Sir Patrick retires as BATs chairman at the end of December, and the Chancellor is taking the opportunity to acknowledge his public service down the years, which includes the 1993 Sheehy Report about police pay, and extensive sponsorship by BATs of the Macmillan College, Middlesbrough, one of the first inner-city technology colleges.

Paperweight

HANG your head in sorrow for the trees that made up the five tonnes of documents in the winding up of Sphere. The sterling split-level investment trust was formally wound up yesterday but not before a battle between Guinness Flight and Gartmore for the right to manage the money left over. In the event, poor shareholders were so bemused that they withdrew £144 million in cash to leave just £25.8 million to roll over into the new Guinness Flight trust.



"First time I've seen an auditor mentioned"

A mean business

THE Working Women Mean Business Awards at the Hyde Park Hotel yesterday was an interesting affair. The awards, sponsored by *Options* magazine and Mercury, are into their 12th year, but the fighting talk was not all positive, as guests were given the opportunity to prove their confidence and determination right there and then. Why, they bayed, were VIPs that included Janet Street-Porter, Anthea Turner and Richard Branson, in a separate reception room? Were the VIPs too important to sup champagne and mix with the other guests? When the speeches turned to the topics of "glass ceilings" and "breaking down barriers", some of the outcast were not impressed.

Law courting

TOP City law firms are playing it cool over the invasion of US law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, in spite of some of their best lawyers being targeted by the firm's recruitment drive. The invader, which enjoys per partner profits of up to $750,000 in the US, plans a base of 20 UK lawyers to compete with City law firms for top clients in banking and capital markets, according to yesterday's edition of *The Lawyer*. Clifford Chance recently saw Martin Hughes resign to join another former partner, Maurice Allen, in Weil Gotshal's new office. Geoffrey Howe, Clifford Chance managing partner, is sanguine. "We have 40 lawyers in New York at the moment and 500 finance lawyers in London so we can't get too excited" he said.

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How Japan has sabotaged monetarists' calculations

The announcement last Friday of the third-quarter bounce in US GDP, with growth up to an annual rate of 4.2 per cent rate in that quarter, threw the US bond market into temporary shock. It was not that the new rate was seen as dangerous — that would need two or three quarters of fast growth — but that it was totally unexpected.

The bond market is getting used to these surprises, because dealers watch money supply growth to forecast activity, inflation, and Fed policy. In 1995 this once reliable compass appears to be broken. The numbers say that growth is restrained and policy tight, but the real economy tells a totally different story.

Consider these figures. In the past year, M1, the standard narrow definition, has not grown, but fallen by 1.3 per cent, and that fall has been accelerated to a 3 per cent rate in the past three months. That would normally suggest that the economy is going into recession. The broader measures are less alarming: M2 has grown by 4 per cent, and the broader M3 by 5.7 per cent. However, this faster growth has appeared only in the second half of the year, and this would suggest a recovery not now, but some time in 1996. Meanwhile, Federal Reserve credit, the basis for money creation, has grown only 4.3 per cent, and actually shrunk at a 3 per cent rate in the past three months.

The figures, in a word, say that money is tight, and as a result of Fed policy. The rising dollar tells the same story. However, the real economy is strong, and the financial markets seem to belong to a different world. A simple measure of monetary tightness is the amount that sound borrowers have to pay above the wholesale cost of funds. A year ago, this spread — three-month commercial paper over federal funds — stood at 83 basis points: last week, the spread was down to 12 points. This is not a tight market, but a market flooded with money — the sort of excess that encourages silly banking.

Indeed, the vanishing commercial paper spread is a reminder of the late 1980s; then, the banks were so widely distrusted as a result of reckless lending that paper-grade corporations could borrow more cheaply than the banks themselves. The reappearance of a 60-point risk premium on euro-dollar deposits over T-bill futures is another symptom of lenders' risk aversion, and not without reason. Every day, it seems, BBB-rated borrowers get credit lines on terms that used to be reserved for triple As. Real estate and sovereign lending — the big traps of the 1980s — are also rising again. Meanwhile, consumer credit delinquency in the US is rising steeply, even as incomes and employment improve. Lax credit control again, surely.

How can a market that is statistically tight show every sign of getting drunk on over-plentiful money? None of the usual monetary aggregates give a clue, but one unusual one looks telling. Foreign central banks' holdings of US Treasury securities — central bank credit outside the Federal reserve system — are now bigger in total than the whole US domestic monetary base, and they have been growing like gangbusters. They are up by 20.7 per cent (or $80 billion, in round numbers) in the last year, a growth rate that has not faltered at any point. This would support much faster monetary growth, but the dollars created are drained out through the US trade deficit almost as fast as the banks can lend them.

So we have it: the official finance for a vigorous US recovery has been created not in Washington, where the monetarists would have spotted it, but in Tokyo, a side effect of the drive to devalue the yen. The shape of the recovery also shows that it is credit-driven: in the first half of the year, growth was almost entirely dependent on the boom in business investment provoked by cheap loans.

Prosperity has now spread to housing and consumer spending, and Third World industries have taken up the capital spending baton from the US, to the benefit of US trade. And yen-financed reflation may soon spread to Europe, as the Bundesbank in turn becomes worried by an overvalued currency.

So is the Bank of Japan a good fairy, rescuing a deflated world? Or is it recklessly provoking the next world inflation, as it struggles to offset deflation at home? It is too early to say. What is clear is that those who base forecasts on money need to watch some relatively unfamiliar numbers — world reserves. Or perhaps that forgotten IMF yardstick, Domestic Credit Expansion, or DCE — the acronym that turned Denis Healey into a proto-monetarist.

Philip Bassett on a job swap that heralds wide-ranging change

BAA overhaul far from a flight of fancy

Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, is being reduced to the ranks. Well, not exactly that far down; but, just for today, the boss of the company that runs Britain's airports is taking part in an unusual job swap — changing places with the woman who manages Terminal 3 at Heathrow.

He will be taking the place of Christine Stewart, who normally has the task of managing the daily flow of 11.5 million people who pass through Terminal 3 every year using one of 48 airlines. Sir John is clear about the similarities in the two jobs, which will allow for the swap: "I should be running my job in much the same way as Christine is running Terminal 3."

All this, of course, is good PR but there is more to it than a neat photo-opportunity. What lies behind it is a significant change in the way BAA is going to be managed.

Since April, Christine Stewart has been involved in running a programme called Freedom to Manage, which aims to remove from the company's employees at every level much of the unnecessary burden of management which irritates employees and, more importantly, customers the practice of most organisations never to take a decision without first referring it upwards. There are perfectly good reasons why this happens, of course. Organisations do not want people to make mistakes, and, in their turn, people do not much want to be blamed for mistakes.

The many forms of empowerment theory that now dominate the thinking of many gurus want to push decision-making back down to where, they say, it is needed — at the point where organisations make their products, or meet their customers. But there is often a big gap between the business schools' seminar rooms and the way companies actually operate. What BAA decided to do last year was to try to bridge that gap with the Freedom to Manage programme. Take, for instance, airport security. People passing through security scanners who are found carrying knives are stopped. BAA rules say that the operator working the scanner has to call over a supervisor for a decision on whether the knife should be confiscated.

Now, under T3's Freedom to Manage programme, the operator simply measures the knife against a scale. If it is below a certain length, and if the passenger's security "profile" — a rough-and-ready assessment of each passenger made by security staff — is OK, the passenger is waved through, without the need for a further decision. Small-scale stuff, of course; but the idea behind the programme is that a lengthy series of small-scale improvements taken cumulatively add up to significant increases in service standards, employee satisfaction — and measurable profitability.

Even after discounting for any large passenger volumes, Ms Stewart estimates that the programme has so far pushed up last year's T3 profit of £50 million by 6-7 per cent. Based on such a trial, BAA is ready to roll out the idea from covering T3's 550 employees to every site across the company and its total of 10,000 employees.

Sir John denies that in a business like BAA, which has a virtual monopoly, especially in the South East, that the quality of management and performance is irrelevant, since passengers and airlines have nowhere else to go for their service.

Pointing out that more than half of BAA's revenue comes from retailing and similar activities at its airports, where competition is ferocious and customer choice is wide, he says that BAA aims for improvement all the time.

Today's job swap is designed as the start of the process of spreading the new management method out across the company. At a final meeting for it yesterday in Sir John's sixth-floor office in BAA's corporate headquarters close to London's Victoria station, he and Ms Stewart went through their plans.



High-flyer: Christine Stewart will be chief executive for a day

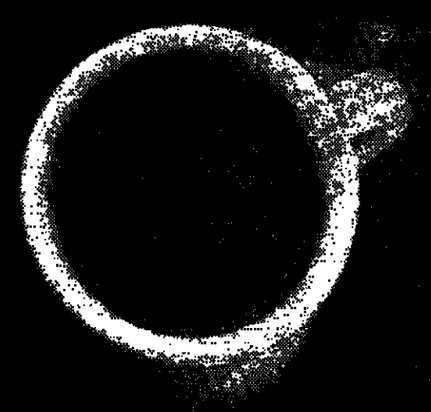
She will take a management team meeting, looking at, amongst other things, BAA's interim results, due out in the middle of next month, followed after lunch by a series of close examinations of how the programme she has piloted will work across the company.

For his part, Sir John will leave her his office, and head out to Heathrow, where his first task will be a meeting with airport security staff, aiming to convince them that empowerment does not mean their having to take responsibility for things they are not paid for, before a series of meetings, including a lunch with Bob Taylor, general manager of American Airlines and chairman of the airlines' co-ordinating body at T3.

He denies that a show will be put on for his benefit. "I want to see if this is going to work in practice," he says. "There will be problems. But if everything looks tickety-boo, I know it's bull."

Most political and business leaders believe it is vital for Britain's economic and industrial competitiveness that companies now aim for Japanese-style programmes of continuous improvement. Christine Stewart, who has been with the organisation for more than 20 years, says, "There is no Einstein solution. We're just trying to be sensible and practical. It's a lot of simple things, and a lot of commonsense. But it's a real benefit to the business."

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2768½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2768½	+150	4.6	10.3
577½	413	Abbey Nat	535½	-3½	4.5	10.7
330	250	Allied Irish	320		4.5	5.3
280	198	Aus New Z	254	-1	5.3	7.9
4075	2531¼	Bank America	3037½	-112½		
270½	191¼	Bank Scotland	252	-3	3.0	11.1
778	567½	Barclays	743	-6	3.8	10.1
426	288	Bk of Ireland	420	+1	3.8	8.4
525	418	Cater Allen	471		7.7	7.1
4662½	2450	Citicorp	4131¼	+82½		
340½	216½	Close Bros▼	316		3.4	
£162½	112½	Commerzbk	£146	-2½	3.7	
1375	993½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1071½	-12½	0.5	
3331¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	2925	-59¼	2.5	
881½	612½	Espirito Santo	712½		11.6	
1611	1138¼	Fuji Bank Y	1177½	-16½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	443	-2	6.3	14.3
253	180	Hambros	201		4.7	50.7
963	589	HSBC	941	+13	3.8	12.2
947	573	HSBC 75p	929	+17	3.8	12.1
336	223	Irish Perm	333		3.5	7.7
463	353	Joseph (L)	423		5.2	23.6
145	85	King Shaxson	115		9.8	8.9
792½	530	Lloyds	773	-7	4.3	11.9
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	563	-1	7.1	8.3
669	454	Nat West	632	+11	4.5	9.8
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2350		5.5	2.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	45		2.9	16.0
569½	373½	Royal Bk Scot	513	-4	3.6	12.2
1478	906½	Schroders	1346	-13	1.3	19.2
1180	822½	Schroders N/V	1110	-30	1.6	15.8
110	81	Singer & Fried	108		4.4	11.0
529½	246	Stand Chart	527	-11	2.2	13.1
377	317	TSB	373	-3	3.2	15.6
121	70	Union	115			
£145½	9042½	Wells Fargo	£139½	-115½	2.3	
269½	211	Westpac	259½	-2		
235	200	Wintrust	236		4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
231	143	[illegible]	209			0.4
683	487	Bass	663	+3	4.1	16.0
412	325	Boddington	402	-3	2.8	22.8
195	137	Burtonwood Brw	158		3.5	17.3
186	127	Eldridge Pope 'A'	172	-2	3.1	20.9
61	51	Fosters Brewing	60			
433	335	Fuller Smith 'A'	457		2.6	17.4
527	402	Greenalls Grp	484	-3	3.5	14.0
656	468	Greene King	610		2.4	17.1
294	240	Hardy Hansn	276		4.4	12.9
160	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3049	[illegible]	3425		2.1	16.8
347	219	Mansfield	328		2.0	17.3
321	266	Marston Thmp	324		2.7	15.2
543	391½	[illegible]	529		2.7	15.7
8½	6½	[illegible]	7		3.9	
605	307	Regent Inns	552	-1	1.6	21.7
2143½	1287½	SA Breweries	2075		1.7	28.4
632	482	Scot & New	537	-2	3.9	15.9
357	295	Scot & New P	332			
309	211	Vaux Grp	263		4.3	14.5
627	448	Wetherspoon (JD)	623	-1		7.6
647	521	Whitbread	632	-1	4.1	16.1
585	487	Wolverhampton D	572	-3	3.2	12.2
290	196	[illegible]	275		1.4	27.5
475	455	Young 'A'	462		4.1	20.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	138		4.9	6.8
199	142	Allen	178		7.5	13.1
78	54½	Amec	58	-1	6.6	12.1
260	133	Andrews Syres	260			
493	412	Arnold	425	-2	2.2	13.9
105	43	[illegible]	46		9.6	6.2
38	25½	Bailey (Ben) Cn	27		6.1	5.2
41½	30½	Barcom	36			
297½	158	Barratt Devt	194	-2	4.8	
159	122	Beazer Homes	154		4.7	11.3
254	180	Bellway	225	-2	4.0	11.5
37	15	Bellwinch	16		1.6	2.6
471	315	Berkeley Gp	451	-2	2.4	12.6
134	95	Bryant	111	-1	6.4	
121	36	CALA	114		3.5	11.0
38	24	Campbell & Arm	32			19.0
242½	67	Costain	68			
110	54	Countryside	95		9.1	7.7
81	47	Crest Nicholson	46		7.1	6.4
237	165	[illegible]	175		5.2	9.4
6[illegible]	749	Gleeson (MJ)	[illegible]		10.6	
2400	1629½	Pochins	2239½			
126	94	Prowting	94			12.1
129	93	Redrow	114½		3.4	
176	144	Tay Homes	144		6.1	9.3
130	103	Taylor Woodrow	127		2.6	20.4
566	420	Tilbury Douglas	422		3.7	14.4
109	79	Ward Hldgs	92		5.6	9.3
168	123	Westbury	165	+1	4.6	12.1
124	114	Wimpey (G)	125		4.5	15.5
372	295	Wilson Bowden	337			
128	97	Wilson Connolly	102		6.7	14.8

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Abingdon	12		1.0	
443	311½	Aggregate	443	-2	2.2	19.1
342	267½	BPB Ind	279	-2	4.0	13.0
132	94	Baggeridge Brk	94		4.2	8.9
36	26	Barbour	28		6.2	12.9
76	36	Blockleys	44			
279	255	Blue Circle†	291	-2	5.0	13.2
89	72	Breedon PLC	79		7.7	10.9
136	110	Br Dredging	115		6.4	14.4
453	338	CRH	419	-2	2.5	15.7
46	38	Cakebread Rby	33			
210	148	Crown	142	-4	4.0	11.5
273	192	Caradon†	138	-1	6.0	10.2
124½	107	Caradon pf	108	-½	8.4	
56	12	Chelton Gp	19		13.2	
198	105	Dyson (J&J)	132		2.7	15.3
90	62	Dyson A	81		6.2	6.7
98½	56½	Eclipse Blinds	75			78.2
315	234	Ecom	258		4.3	13.9
93	85	Gibbs & Dandy	95		4.2	
193	160	Graham Grot	179	-2	3.8	15.7
379	312	Halstead (J)	324	-1	2.8	
335	254	Hepworth	289	-3	6.4	13.3
85	39	Hewetson	48	+2	6.6	5.9
104½	73	Hewitt (J)	91			
268	202½	Heywd Wlm	209	-2	6.3	10.8
85	63	Ibstock	64		3.4	10.5
398	282	Johnston	318		4.2	7.3
108	84	Linesmith	57		7.0	10.4
139½	105	Marley	108	+2	5.4	9.5
154	123	Marshalls	132		4.7	9.8
371	289	Meyer Int	350		4.1	11.7
178	130	Newman Tnk	130	-1	6.6	11.7
108	76	Norcros	83		5.3	
20	12	Phoenix Timber	16			15.2
217	143	Pilkington	189	+2	3.0	20.6
177	122	Polypipe	172	+2	1.9	16.1
1119	848½	RMC Gp▼	1022	-1	2.7	13.9
18	3	Ramus	4			
470	338	Redland†	349	-6	6.0	10.7
122	91½	Rockel	106		5.1	11.0
176½	128	Rubberoid	150		5.1	12.1
125	100	Rugby Group†	107		4.2	13.8
113	86	Russell (A)	105	+1	3.1	14.4
262	205	SIG†	205		3.8	11.4
19	11	SMP	13		1.9	
190	156	Sharpe & Fisher†	157		4.0	12.5
43	25½	Spring Ram	28½	+1	2.4	
130	84½	Tarmac†	86	-2	8.0	13.0
160	130	Tilbury	130		4.4	10.1
335	265	Travis Perkins†	312		3.6	13.1
36	24	Tudor†	30		3.1	17.6
68	33	Watermorse	43			
126	83	Wiches	125		1.9	21.2
411	324	Wolseley	392	-1	3.2	13.9

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	0½			
86	57	App Hldg	75			
7½	5½	Bailey (CH)	5½			
59	36	Black Arrow	43	+4	9.0	6.9
87	60	Br Bloodstock	85			27.4
6	3	Card Gp	4			
9½	4½	Chemex	7½		1.7	22.7
161	135	Cosalt	150		6.9	10.1
259½	215	Filofax	256		1.3	19.0
43	24	Headway	33			30.0
430	248	Hozelock	417½		2.3	18.9
168	133	Leigh	133		7.4	13.8
231	102	Nobo Go	132		5.9	8.7
265	166	Photo-Me†	189		3.7	14.8
68	53	Plant & Gen	58		5.9	6.1
11	0½	Rodime	1½			
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	93		4.4	19.6
213	160	Sinclair (Wm)	201		4.7	
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	321	+6		12.2
148	73	Waste Recyg	127½	+½	1.2	27.8

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	154	Allbright & Wlt	159		4.7	16.8
137	109	Allied Colloids	133		2.4	18.8
240	195	Amber Ind	238		3.0	40
63	47	Amberley Gp	63	+2	2.5	18.1
£147½	£120¼	BASF DM	£141½	+75	3.2	
876	689	BOC	869	+7	3.8	18.0
303	236	BTP	274		5.0	15.1
£171½	£141½	Bayer DM50	£166½	-43½	3.5	
165	103	Blagden	160			
119	83	Brent Chemct	84		4.8	23.0
278	210	Br Vita†	226	-1	4.4	14.4
239	184	Canning (W)†	232	-4	4.1	15.1
489½	380	Courtaulds	387	-11	3.0	15.2
387½	320	Croda†	351	+1	3.2	16.3
233	125	Doeflex	219		3.1	14.3
282	234	Ellis & Everard	268		3.9	15.6
107	58	Euro Colour	98½	-½	2.2	25.8
213	114	Gibbons	208		3.7	16.5
145	105	Hickson†	105		4.9	10.0
£166½	£123½	Hoechst	£166	+271½	3.1	
221½	185	Holliday Chem	193½		3.2	13.7
849½	660	ICI	774	+1	4.6	14.8
380	188½	Inspect	355		1.5	24.8
159	97½	Kalon	113	-7	5.1	12.9
852	620	Laporte†	833	+1	3.5	17.1
86	71	MTM	72		2.8	12.9
395	293	Manders†	322		4.3	14.5
66	30	Metrotect	44		4.3	16.6
516	382½	Montedison	435½	+14½	4.8	19.9
425	273½	Porvair	385		1.8	26.2
250	188	Scapa	234		3.3	18.9
34	16	Suttcliffe Speak	30		1.7	37.2
925	695½	Takeda Chem	895½	-78½	1.0	12.3
256	186	Wellington Hdgt	248		3.4	19.0
1058	728	Wardhme Ri	1023		2.7	17.4
374	275	Yorks Chem	303		3.5	14.8
340	236	Yule Catto†	319	-1	2.9	16.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
117½	88½	ABI Leis	100		5.2	11.5
595	535	Acam & Harvey	550		4.0	6.5
21	14	Alexanders	14		6.2	23.0
113	89	Appleyard	105		7.1	11.3
4½	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	577		4.2	16.6
48	28	Banc	35			
24½	15½	Beating Power	16½	+1	7.6	8.1
28	18	Bogod 'A'	28		3.4	9.3
483	345	Brammer	459		3.7	17.7
21	10½	Bridgend Gp	17		7.5	
96	78	Brit Fittings	87		4.6	13.2
270	215	Caffyns	253		5.7	18.0
66	54	Central Mtr	68		5.1	18.5
60	35	Coca (DC)	57½		3.3	8.4
320½	230	Come	297	+1	4.0	12.8
155	129	Dag Mercort	133	-1	6.8	11.0
598	509	Dennons El	508	-2	1.9	11.2
501	408	Diploma	435	-2	4.0	14.3
332½	236	Electrocomponents	324	+7	2.2	23.6
247	153	Eurocis Elec	236	-1	2.2	16.3
225	119	Eurobio	119	-3½	8.2	7.2
120	87	Eurocean Mtr	105		6.0	9.0
449	364	Evans Halshaw	384	-7	5.0	11.9
695	612	Farnell Elect	670	+8	1.8	19.5
72	48	File Inchma	66		6.2	10.8
23½	15	Gardner	20½		5.0	9.0
30	16	Glenchewton	28	+½	7.3	
108	51	Governgst	85		3.3	14.1
178	148	Harris (Phillip)	162		5.5	11.2
188	142	Headlam	155	-1	2.8	16.2
554	258	Henlys	512	-1	2.4	19.0
121	8½	Helions Tech	121		6.2	23.0
150	98	ISA Intl	147		1.4	16.1
430	274	Inchcape	313	-2	6.0	28.4
66	55	Jacks (Wm)	61		1.5	11.6
187	142	Kwik-Fit	180		3.2	15.4
358½	264½	Lex Service	330	-3	5.5	17.6
186	146	Lookers	150	+2	6.3	8.3
	9	Malvak Gro	11½		5.3	15.2
9½	5	Mcdlesex	8½		8.7	20.1
71	31	Moxizzes	41			4.7
503	330	Nortcan	480	-7	1.3	16.5
253	178	Normanber	251	+20	0.8	20.1
158	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	291		3.7	14.7
166	133	Perry Grp	164		5.8	12.4
156	126	Quicic Group	143		5.0	12.2
183	150	REA	165		3.0	19.6
3½	2½	Reece	2½			
73	48	Ronson	53		2.9	10.8
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3			
63½	37½	SEP Indl	60	-½	2.5	20.0
17	10	Salter	12			6.8
74	38	TLS	64		3.6	10.9
266	226	Tate Products	253	-4	4.6	14.6
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	263	-3	2.7	16.7
303	240	Wholesale Ftgs	303	-1	4.3	18.9
32	22½	Wilshaw	24½	-2	1.3	19.4
90	58½	Wyko	33		1.8	
91	62	Young (H)	93		5.1	13.6

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	131	Adwest	142		6.9	
352	235	Ampleforth	315		1.9	14.2
940	722	Bowen Hill	854	-6	2.8	
348	291	BTR†	326	+2½	5.1	14.6
564	405	BAT†	519	-5	5.5	12.1
270½	150	Bensford Inc	160		1.3	28.7
127	71	Bibby (J)	122	+6	5.9	22.6
51	40½	Brierley Inv	47½		9.2	7.6
943	743	Charter	851	-11	3.6	13.4
297	195	Cookson†	233		3.1	18.6
153	105	Grampian Hldg	143		5.1	16.1
243½	191	Hanson	193½	-½	7.1	10.6
162½	135	Harcros Chmct	145	-2	7.8	15.4
258	250½	Hutch Whamp	246½	-6	2.2	18.1
564½	351¼	Jardine Mgn	381¼	-6½	4.1	7.8
37	28	Jordan (T)	37		6.1	6.9
171	134	Lonrho	156		3.6	21.6
171	113	McLeod Russe	151		7.7	15.2
44	38	Porter Chadburn	38			14.2
691	441	Powell Duffryn	587	-4	5.3	15.4
152	123	Rentco	151		5.5	10.4
172	129	Sime Darby	157	-1	2.5	14.3
230	164	Suter	211		5.0	15.5
196	148	Suter	165		6.5	12.4
266	227	TI Grp	255		5.7	11.9
292	214	Tomkins	249½	-2	4.3	13.9
1	18½	Trafalgar H	21½		5.5	
296	235	Unilave	235		6.4	
290	215	Wardle Storey	226		5.6	19.1
300	241	Wassall	272	-2	2.1	13.3
207	162	Whitecroft	175		3.0	14.2
350	259½	Williams Hldg	312½	-5½	5.5	11.6

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
926	554	East Midlands	869	-1	4.1	11.5
498	335	Eastern Gp	376	-2	3.6	15.0
937½	545	London Elec	902	-18	4.0	12.0
1023	621	Manweb	1005		4.0	13.1
982	563	Midlands	964	+1	4.9	9.9
501	402½	National Power	473	+5	3.9	11.0
155	150½	Nat Power PP	159½		3.9	10.9
985	501½	Northern Elec	883	-1	5.0	6.3
877	713	Nthn Ireland	853	-1	3.6	11.3
1155	611	Norweb	1155	-10	3.1	12.1
509	457½	PowerGen	568	-1	3.5	11.6
395	176½	PowerGen PP	258	-1	5.3	12.6
288	202	Hydro-Elec	340	-1	5.3	9.9
391	306	Scottish Power	373	-4	4.9	10.4
521	384	Seeboard	512		3.5	11.1
961	650	Sth Wales	913	-1	4.2	9.5
958	603	Sth Western	959		3.9	10.6
975	549	Southern Elec	951	-9	4.6	10.5
918	599	Yorkshire Elec	987	-4	4.3	11.1

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
503	292	Acal	503		1.9	20.1
159	77½	Acorn Comp	146			
733	422	Admiral	733		1.3	20.5
261	195	Alba	225		2.6	17.4
298½	127½	Amstrad	291½	-2	1.1	
41	30	Ariel	32	-1	2.0	13.2
129	77	Astec	122	-5	1.5	17.4
485	116	[illegible]	460		0.8	36.8
293	255	BICC	264	-1	5.9	15.5
250	225	[illegible]	231		5.5	12.4
505	430	[illegible]	495	-20	3.0	15.9
432	294	Bowthorpe	430	-3	2.7	19.6
32	17	[illegible]	22½	-1½	2.2	9.1
251	117	CML Micro	130		5.3	10.0
13	12	Channel Hldgs	12			6.5
25½	19	Chloride	23½		1.8	62.3
80	61	[illegible]	71		5.4	17.7
309	105	[illegible]	276		3.9	27.1
170	41	[illegible]	71			
643	461	[illegible]	545	-3	1.9	22.6
600	130	[illegible]	530	-13	0.5	28.5
533	399	Delta	421		3.7	14.5
565	425	Domino	475		2.7	15.6
72	62	Dowding Mills	63		5.5	16.7
2250	1465	Druck	2190		0.7	28.7
3340½	2562½	Electrolux 'B'	2780	-90½	4.4	4.3
34½	22	Emess	31		0.4	
1659½	950	Ericsson 'B'	1353½	-105½	1.0	31.3
104	54	Eurotech	90		3.0	18.0
564	370	Eurotherm	564	+6	1.4	25.6
542	375	Farnell Group	508		1.8	21.4
514	165	Filtronic Comm	470	-10	0.2	75.2
565	195	Forward Gp	538		1.4	29.9
100	40	Forward Techn	36		3.6	12.0
341	263	GEC	314	-3	4.5	15.0
171	122	Graseby	135		5.7	13.2
141	75	Ind Control	84		5.4	16.7
24½	14	Intelek	24½	-2½	3.8	31.1
320	232	Kenwood App	233	-2	5.4	10.4
107	50	Kode	99			
49	28	LPA Ind	37		5.7	26.1
330	267	MTL Inst	287		2.2	14.8
298	254	Memec-Sw	281	+1	2.3	18.5
53½	30½	Microvitec	48	-½	2.1	16.1
377	224	Misel	341	+8		
464	315	Oxford Ins	430		1.7	18.0
132	51	Pacer Systems	129		3.2	17.4
112	73	Peek	106		4.0	17.0
3321½	1893½	Philips Lmp NV	2450	-21½	2.0	9.8
349	217	Pifco	221		2.8	13.8
327	207	Pifco 'A' Vtg	211		2.9	13.2
153	116	Plasmec	145		3.9	11.4
153	96	Pressac	148	-1	3.0	
54	23	Prestwick	41			16.3
617	243	Psion	605		0.8	25.6
31	15	Quadrant Grp	15		2.1	41.9
295	217	Racal Elect	253	-1	2.5	19.5
93	44	Radamec	76	+1	3.7	16.6
449	301	Ranford	390	+5		27.9
282	202½	Roxboro	282	+1	2.3	13.9
30½	5	Scantronic	9½			
56	38	Silvermines	51		2.6	13.6
67	36	Soundtracs	38½		8.1	11.1
215	163	Stoves	213		2.6	
9½	5	TDG Circuits	8½	-½		
3440½	2468½	TDK	3250	-37½	1.0	
376	37	Tadpole Tech	73	-1		
136	57	Telemetrix	132	-2	1.1	18.8
107	81	TTI	92		3.7	11.6
930	342	Telspec	930	+9	0.5	52.0
289	226	Thorpe FW	260		1.9	15.8
184	130	TLG	172	-1	2.5	18.6
38	16	Total Systems	21			21.8
320	227	Tunstall	319		1.6	20.4
587	350	Unitech	528	+10	1.8	19.4
13½	8	Verity	12½		1.0	19.9
485	368	Volex	429	-2	5.5	15.5
79	22	Wakebourne	37			3.8
187	122	Whessoe	185	-2	1.0	

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
347	167	AIM	298		1.9	
97	47½	APV†	88	-1	4.4	
248	164	ASW†	164	-3	4.8	7.9
37	24	Aero Hamble	29½	-½		
149½	42	Alvis	145	-1	1.1	
168	133	Ash & Lacy†	164	+1	5.0	11.3
638	538	Atlas Equip†	636		4.3	22.2
153	118	Ayrshire Metal	130		5.3	7.5
102	79	BI Group	101		5.9	12.9
187	112½	Babcock	167	-5	1.2	
165	122	BWI	149	-3	6.3	
105	77	Baynes (Charles)†	103		2.7	17.9
39½	26	Beaufort	38		2.0	6.8
130	90	Bellamy	120		5.5	
421	308	Bodycote	419		1.8	21.3
81	36	Boulton Inds	38	-1		
21	13½	Braway	18	-1½	4.1	
157½	122½	Bridon▼	143		3.6	17.9
786	418½	Br Aerospace†	709		1.9	26.5
191	144	Br Steel	163½	+2	5.7	7.4
14½	10½	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	0.9	31.9
49	36	Brunel	37½	-½	1.7	
180	131	Bullough	135		5.6	13.1
123	71	Bumfield	114		3.3	16.5
315	236	Carclo Eng	311		4.0	16.8
194	150	Castings	189		2.2	15.3
163	145	Charterhouse	163		5.4	11.5
378	294	Chemring	375	+4	3.4	18.0
182	130	Clyde Blowers	158		4.0	
422	302	Cobham	395		2.8	23.9
725	505	Cohen (A)	645	-10	1.2	5.9
203	166	Concentric	185	-1	4.2	14.1
243	210	Cook (Wm)	233	-1	4.4	9.6
249	189½	Daved Brown†	224		3.9	14.7
132	68	Dobson Park	132		4.9	27.3
417	330	ES	405		4.0	14.6
113	91	Elliott (B)	113	+1	2.8	12.8
93	71	Expamet	91		2.3	17.2
184	130½	FKI	163	+2	3.5	15.9
187	119½	Fenner	158		1.6	22.5
26	2½	Ferrum	2½	-1½		
138	77	GEI Int	119		3.2	14.5
199	117	Garton Engt	191		3.8	10.4
378	292	Glynwed	336	-4	4.1	13.4
13½	10½	Graystone	13½		5.0	
89	59	Haden Maclnt	85		3.2	22.2
190	133	Hadleigh	183	-6	2.0	15.8
215	135	Hall Eng	204		3.7	
175	133½	Halma	171½	+½	1.6	23.0
57	38	Hampson Ind	53		5.2	10.2
37	19	Hay (Norman)	30	-1		
137	110	Hill & Smith	111		6.6	14.0
59	34	Hopkinsons	34½		4.7	
41	28	Howden Grp	35		2.7	
96	74	Howden	85½		3.9	11.3
219	182	Hunting†	206		6.1	19.3
348½	286	IMI	329	-1	4.1	29.7
67	40½	Johnson & FB	67		0.8	69.5
606	499	Johnson Mattha	608	+6	3.0	18.3
52½	28	Jones Stroud	50			
548	310	Kelsey Ind	510		3.9	13.0
290	265	Lincat†	286		3.8	14.1
19½	11½	Locker (T) A	16½		3.0	
45	29	ML Hldgs	39		4.0	12.9
38	19	MS Intl	32		2.0	
234	137	Mang Bronze	214	-5	2.9	
476	378	McKechnie	436	-4	4.7	
95	61	Meggitt	88		5.6	23.6
126	91½	Metalrax	105		4.4	16.8
138	125	Metsect	125		3.1	25.4
825	487	Molins	804		2.7	14.0
405	293	Morgan Crucible	392		4.3	17.2
316	178	Morris Ashby	291		2.9	16.0
52	32	Neepsend	51		3.7	13.0
70	45	Neolronics	49		4.3	10.0
45	31	Newman (L)@	31			
41½	12	OMI Intl	12	-¼	7.8	
391	233	Powerscreen	386	-1	2.6	15.6
15½	4½	Prospect Inds	5½		15.0	
73	60	Radiant Metal	65			
64	41	Ransomes	62			
86	61	Record	68		8.8	13.2
445	265	Renishaw	419		2.2	23.2
291	180	Renold	272		2.1	20.0
58	37	Richard (Leics)	37		7.6	12.9
98	66	Richardson West	85		5.1	13.9
194½	148	Rolls-Royce	154	+1½	4.1	22.1
180	158½	Rotork	167½		3.7	15.9
183	143	Rubicon	180		3.7	17.3
114	67	Senior Engg	99½		4.4	35.2
320	263	Servomex	329		2.7	22.2
127	49	Setfo-Pre	105	-2	1.8	18.2
757	498	Siebe	752½	+11½	2.0	20.9
99	67	Simon Eng	85	+1		
163	79	Six Hundred	161		1.6	15.9
1471½	1034½	SKF 'B'	1193½	-81½	3.4	11.3
609	423	Smiths Ind	580	+4	3.2	18.2
617	431	Spirax-Sarco	605	+2	2.5	19.0
284	227	Sterling Ind	284		3.3	16.4
454½	328	TI	433½	-6½	3.5	20.3
100	92	Tinsley (E)	98		7.2	11.6
101	51	TransTec	87	+1	2.0	
184	127	Triplex Lloyd	156		5.6	15.5
18	14	Utd Inds▼	16		2.9	12.8
15½	5	Verson	11	+1½		
262	182	Vickers	251		2.7	20.2
14½	8½	Villiers Grp	14			
734	506	Vitec	712	-1	1.7	18.1
968	722	Vosper Thorny	874		3.0	16.6
516	444	Wagon Ind	470	-5	5.0	14.3
293	222	Weir	244	-1	3.6	20.5
58½	36	Welman	55½		3.6	10.5
503	390	Whatman	452		3.2	14.5
11½	8½	Whitney	10½		3.2	16.7

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	23	AAF Inds	36			
294	153	Airflow Stream†	255		3.9	5.9
48½	41	Armour	48½		5.7	
528	440	Avon Rubber	525		4.0	13.9
291	181	BBA†	269	+4	2.3	
73½	49½	BSG	61		6.6	12.6
13	3½	Benson Group	4		3.9	
340	285	Boustead†	305		2.5	16.9
24	17	Boustead	19		6.6	
14	10	Caverdale	10½		3.4	6.8
367	277	ERF	281		2.0	16.5
503	370	First Tech	466	-4	1.9	17.6
829½	543	GKN	807	-1	3.4	16.5
3331½	2347½	General Mtr	2800	-6½	3.7	
1174	846	Honda Motor	1109½	-17½	0.4	
448	304	Laird	417		3.5	15.9
440	345	Lookers	405			
212	163	Lucas†	192	+5	4.6	59.6
95	53	Mayflower†	93½		2.2	24.3
200	150	Syltone	193		3.5	18.0
197	130	T & N†	145½		5.2	
378	324	Trinity Hldgs	330	-2	2.6	17.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
739	556	AB Food	703½	+9½	2.6	14.6
267	205	Acatos & Hutch	247		4.6	9.3
56	38	Albert Fisher	51		9.2	12.5
387	195	Banks (S C)	262		4.8	13.4
387	320	Barr (AG)	340	-6	2.9	15.2
46	15	Bensons Crp	16			
445	364	Booker†	380	-1	7.4	19.2
47½	31	Borthwick	36		4.5	22.1
333	191	CPL Aromas	319		1.4	22.5
549	370	Cadbury-Schwp†	523		2.8	15.7
295	239	Carrs Milling	275	+4	3.2	10.4
190	145	Cranswick	190		2.7	15.0
163	93	Dalepak	136		2.0	15.0
484	379½	Dalgety†	425	-1	6.5	12.9
67	37½	Daniels S	45		6.2	
255	208	Devro	244	-1	2.2	15.4
106	62	Everest	92		5.4	5.3
20½	3½	Fannycord	17½	-½		
79	47	Finlay (James)	58		6.9	22.7
17	10	Global	17	+½	3.9	11.3
507	400	Greencore	507	-2	2.5	13.5
133	91	Hazlewood Fds	129	-1	7.0	11.0
201	161	Hillsdown	165		6.9	11.1
29½	22½	Hobson	23		3.6	31.7
85	63	JLI Group	71	-1	8.7	11.1
353	317	Linton Park	319		5.9	7.8
123	96	Matthews (B)	98	-1	4.1	9.3
243	211	Nichols (JN)	231		3.1	15.6
221	176	Nthn Foods	185	-1	5.3	
14	5½	Nthn Fn	14			10.2
230	90	Pascoe's	117			
52½	9	Perkinain (UK)	9½			
83	60	Perkins Food	73		7.8	10.3
140	78	SeaPerfect	75	+1		
147	84	Sentry Farm	127		3.1	11.3
78	51	Sidc Food	51	-14	7.5	6.7
479	412	Tate & Lyle	449	-1	5.3	13.1
408	204	Tream	324		2.0	16.5
440	333	Unigate	419	+1	5.4	14.4
1308	1124	Unilever	1259	-5	2.7	14.8
8543½	7200	Unilever (NV)	8140½	+6½	3.2	13.1
368	259	Utd Biscuits	273½	-½	6.1	17.2
34	33	WT Foods†	38		8.2	14.1
110	80	Yorkshire Foods	90	-2	5.0	10.3

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1070	770	Amersham	965		2.2	19.0
102	43	Anagen	65	+2		
207	175	Assoc Nursg	183		2.0	14.0
399	258	Bespak	325		3.9	22.5
457	162	Biocompatibles	430	+3		
81	60	Care UK	67		0.5	17.2
150	71	Celsis	136			
265	198	Community Hl	261		4.2	13.3
37	28	CrestaCare	32½		3.2	11.3
113	15	Enviromed	18		9.7	2.3
86	55	Ferraris Group	55		5.1	7.6
166	112	Goldsborough	113		1.9	9.1
10½	8½	Greenacre†	10½		4.5	12.8
833	428	Huntingdon Tech	828	-5	1.0	30.6
77	45	Intercare Gp	55		8.0	13.2
310	235	Isotron	304	+1	2.2	
149	85	Life Sciences	66	-36	6.4	8.9
141	85	Lon Intl	131	+1	1.0	
79	41	Nestor-BNA	68		5.8	15.3
60	8	Premier Health	12			
290	230	Quality Care	271	+10	2.1	13.4
248	118	Scholl	219½	-½	3.8	
405	311½	Seton Health	386	+6	2.3	18.1
95	32	Shield Diag	92	+1		49.1
205	152	Smith & Nephew†	194½	-½	3.5	22.4
22	7	Speculeyes	20			0.7
228	183	Takare	205	+6	1.5	14.1
285	234	UniChem†	249		3.7	14.1
356	283	West Hlthcare	330		2.0	14.7

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
228	173	Airsprung	177½		3.8	9.8
162	99	BLP Group	99	-1	3.9	8.1
42	29	Belston Barsec	42			22.3
108	56	Crowell Plc 'A'	80		0.9	
170	130	Creighton Nt	138		7.0	9.9
168	141	Denby Group	163		2.4	18.1
145	127	Gaskell	142		3.7	11.0
448	343	RWP Ind	428		2.6	12.1
5	2	Lionheart	2			
215	188	McBride	210½	+3½	4.0	
236	160	Maybomt	236		3.5	13.0
485	365	Osborne & Little	366	-8	3.3	9.8
465	403	Paterson Zch†	455		4.1	
420	365	Paterson Zch 'A'†	390		4.8	
714	584	Reckitt Colman†	673	-5	3.6	16.6
291	236	Relyon	267	-2	3.3	17.1
285	244	Royal Doulton†	246	+1	3.9	12.3
216	148	Shearegit	192		5.3	12.7
32½	26	Stoddard	26	-½	7.7	8.6
210	155	Tomkinsons	160		9.0	19.6
130	85	Victoria Carpet	87		2.9	
108	79	Walker Greenbk	88		5.2	16.6
86	51	Wilnord Wrgm†	58		1.8	19.5
225	155	Wood (Arthur)	175		3.0	13.8

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alex	1468½	+6½	4.4	
2481½	1787½	Am Gen	2100	-18½	3.7	
98	76	Angerstein	89		4.3	28.3
83	51	Archer	54		2.3	
99	44	Bradstock	64	-1	11.1	8.9
717	385	Britannic	708	-6	2.5	
97	84	CLM Insce	93½		2.8	
652	473	Com Union†	613	+3	5.5	9.8
103	78	Delian	95		2.1	
1660	1085	Dom & Genl	1375		3.0	13.8
194	156½	FBD (£)	188½		3.9	7.9
164	126	Fenchurch Gp	145	+4	7.0	9.6
106	62	Firsbury Under	104		2.0	52.0
707	499	Gen Accident†	647	+7	5.7	8.9
252	160½	GRE†	229	-4	4.6	4.4
97	79	HCG Lloyds†	90½		4.4	30.0
249	147	Heath C E	163	+4	12.3	10.2
296½	203½	Hibernian Ir	287	-5½	3.7	30.1
111	88	Hiscox Select	102½		2.6	40.4
360	256	Independent	359	+4	3.5	7.9
234	178	Irish Life†	234	+5	3.7	20.8
138	110	JIB Group†	121		7.7	14.2
102	97	Kiln Capital	99		5.1	
683½	414	Legal & Genl	682½	+13½	4.1	20.2
1868½	1296½	Liberty Life	1631¼		8.3	5.0
182	136	Lloyd Thompt	138		8.2	
486	317	Lloyds Abbey	468	-2	5.5	14.7
394	303	London & Man	394	+2	5.6	16.1
108	82	London Ins Mkt	104		3.3	33.8
185	134	Lowndes Lmp	134	-4	7.7	7.5
5687½	4787½	Marsh McLnt	5137½	-18½	3.9	
101	78	Minet	92		3.5	24.5
187	136	Nelson Hurst	163		5.4	10.4
89	65	New London Cap	86		4.6	31.4
85	34	Opsbum	52		7.4	
110	90	Orial	97		6.8	10.8
82	66	Premium Trust	81		4.6	
122	85	Premium Under	121			
405	290	Prudential†	396	+3	4.7	16.8
36	13	PWS	14½		3.0	
417	241	Refuge†	408	+3	3.9	28.3
426	251	Royal†	391	+3	4.2	7.2
169	104½	Sedgwick	106	-3	7.7	9.7
122	35	Steel Burrill	36		26.0	3.6
402	281	Sun Alliance†	378	+2	5.3	10.7
94	66	Syndicate Cap	94		3.7	27.1
81	61	Trade Indemnity†	79		2.0	31.1
695	458	Utd Friendly	688		3.9	14.8
172	118	Willis Corroon	126	-1	8.5	70.4
24	14	Windsor	14		4.5	5.0

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %
421	333	3i	409	+3	2.2
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	71½		0.3
84	73	Abtrust High Inct	77½		10.0
230	182	Abtrust N Dawn	211	+1	0.7
2025	1682	Alliance	1993	+28	3.2
290	239	American Trust	263½	+1	2.8
472	391	Anglo & O'seas	450½	+2½	1.9
151	106	Baillie Gifford SJ	127	+1½	
213	172	Bankers	206½	+1	2.4
46½	28¼	Baring Em Eu	40½		
353	300	Baring Tribune	339		2.5
96	84½	Br Assets	91½	+1	6.0
97½	83	Br Empire Sect	91½	+1½	1.4
37½	25	Br Empire Wts	29		
233	194	Br Inv	218	+1	3.0
101	71½	Brazilian	71½		
265½	211	Brunner	245		2.9
136	118	BZW Conv	119		8.2
473	318	Candover	470		3.4
53	34½	Central Euro Gwth	39½	-1½	1.4
185	144	China & Eastern	171		2.6
188	161	Cont Asset	179		2.1
80	75	Danae Inv Inc	75		13.3
340	278	Derby Cap	318		
166	148	Derby Inc	153	+2	14.9
736	617	Dunedin Inc G	705		4.8
91	73	Dunedin Japan	76½	-½	
333	296	Dunedin Smlr	326	-1	3.5
42	22	Dunedin Wts	33	-2	
801	678	Dunedin Worldwide	758	+13	1.6
109½	82½	Edin Dragon	101	-2½	
43½	23½	Edinburgh Inca	24		0.3
339	281	Edinburgh	323½	+1½	3.7
162	127	EFM Japan	139		
376	307	Electra Inv	362		2.5
219	180	Electric Gen	209	+1	2.0
143	108	English Scot	136	+3	
350	273	European Asset	332		1.9
199	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	195½		0.2
83	62½	Fidelity Jap Val	71½	-1	0.2
108	81	Fidelity Spec Valt	99½		0.6
175	149	Fosbury 'A'	172		2.3
80	62	First Spanish	74		0.4
338	267	Fleming Amer	299	+½	0.7
74½	51½	Fleming Chinese	58		1.1
39	20	Fleming Ch Wts	21		
244	198	Fleming Claver	236	+1	3.1
357	288½	Fleming Cont	334½	+½	1.3
158½	125	Fleming Em Mkts	140	+3	
258	199	Fleming Ento	248		2.6
360	278½	Fleming F East	329	-2	0.6
402	327	Fleming Fledg	397		0.9
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	100		5.7
67	58½	Fleming Indian	59		1.9
46	28	Fleming In Wts	29		
39	29	Fleming Ind	38	+½	12.2
258	203	Fleming Japan	234	+1	
303	252½	Fleming Mercr	294	-3	3.0
97	72½	Fleming Nat Res	89		
325	269	Fleming Overs	311	-4	1.8
151	124	Foreign & Col	148	-½	1.6
110	91	For & Col Inc Gwh	98		4.1
120½	93	Fgn Eng Wts	103	+1½	
83½	67½	Fgn Enterprise	83½	-½	1.2
263	204½	Fgn Eurost	247½	+½	0.6
135	115	Fgn German	123½		0.5
179	137½	Fgn Pacifict	172	-1½	1.0
139	120	Fgn PEP	132		3.9
176	153	Fgn Smaller	171½		1.5
123	90	Fgn US Smr	122	-2	
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	19		
46	36	Fulcrum Inc	36		
160½	141	Fulcrum Zero	160		
218	188	Gartmore Brit	214	+1	4.3
234	174	Gartmore Ent	200		2.5
164	127	Gartmore Euro	156	+1	0.7
101	84	Gartmore Shrd	92		13.0
249	207	Gartmore Smlr Cos	226	+1	3.0
100	84	Geared Inc Inv	88		11.7
188	138	Gen Cons Cap	176		
113	104	Genl Inc	108	-½	13.8
105	86	German Inv	99	-½	0.3
246	192	Gov Asn Smr Cos	207	-3	0.2
119½	88	Gov Emg Mkts	99½		0.4
197	135	Govett Am Smlr	172	-1½	
89	71	Gov Glob Smr	83½	-½	
86	70	Govett High Inc	74		9.5
381	322	Govett Oriental	359	-2	0.4
290	223	Govett Strategic	280	+4	3.0
443	361	Greenfriar	436		2.9
19	6	Gresham House	6		
351	191	GT Japan	227	-1	0.7
136	115	H Govett Smlr Co	129½	-1½	1.9
128	113	Hend Hight	125		5.8
350	298	Hend Strata	350		3.2
130	80	Herald	119	+1	9.5
167	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	54½	-½	
17	12	I&S Ent	16		
119	93	I&S UK Smlr	112	+2	3.2
142	118	Inv Cap	139½	+2	4.8
109	78	Inv Biotech	95		1.3
39	20	Inv Wts	33½	-1½	
99	76	INVESCO Asia	78		
75	51	INVESCO Blue	65		16.7
128	88	INVESCO Eng Inc	128	+2	0.8
149	122	INVESCO Korea	142		
61	49	INVESCO Tokyo	61½		
96	92	J Fry Cnd U	94½	-1½	8.7
94	81	J Fry Euro U	84		6.6
224	174	JF Fledg Jap	211½		
135	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	122		7.5
249	194	Klnwt Cnt	238		2.5
127	96½	Klnwt E Mkt	110	+1	
129	110	Klnwt Endt	126		
84½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	79½	+½	0.3
27½	21	Klnwt Euro Wts	21½	+½	
91	74	Klnwt H Inc	84		12.8
266	213	Klnwt O'seas	253	+1	1.7
140	111	Klnwt Smlrt	137		2.2
605½	427½	Korea—Eurot	586½	+15½	0.1
125½	71	Latin American	87½	+½	
922	718	Law Debenture	913	+7	3.9
106	82	Lazard H Inc	83	-1	9.6
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	99	+1	
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	27		17.1
130	102	Lloyds Sm Ptg	125		3.7
177	160	Lon St Lawrencet	174	+2	4.6
101	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	96		4.2
356	283	Lowland	340	+2	3.5
1387½	1125	Lyderburg	1225		1.8
638	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	618		
135	110	M&G 2nd Dual In	110		27.7
3995	2533	M&G Dual Cap	2960	+15	
313	210	M&G Dual Inc	223		
66½	60	M&G Inc Geared	62		10.2
33	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	29½		
37½	31½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	32½		19.4
129	116	M&G Inc Package	126		5.0
65½	54½	M&G Inc Zero Div	65½		
30½	23½	M&G Rec Cap	24		
61½	48	M&G Rec Geared	60		9.3
30	24½	M&G Rec Inc	25½		19.6
138½	137	M&G Rec Package	136		3.6
90½	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	90½	+½	
122	100	M Curne Euro	110		0.4
152	119	M Curne Pac	135	+1	0.1
215	182	Moedie	211	+1	3.5
57	43	Monsfon	44		
287	241	Merchantst	280½	+4½	5.2
93	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	86½	+½	2.0
33	23½	Mercury Eur Wt	25½	+1	
99	78	Mercury World	85		1.0
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	14		
577	482	Monks Inv Tst	569	+4	1.7
159	125	Morg Gren Inc	154		4.1
58	40½	Morg Wts	53		
86	48	Morg Lat Amer	59½	+½	
49	20	Morg Wts	23	+½	
130	104	Murray Est	121	+1	2.5
34	23	Murray Est Wts	23		
92	73	Murray Emg Eco	76	+1	
40	20	Murray Em Ec Wt	21½		
65	54	Murray Euro	55		0.8
17½	10	Murray Eu Wts	10½		
372	308	Murray Income	363	+1	4.1
378	296	Murray Intl	360	+3	4.4
182½	162½	Murray S/C DP	182½	+½	
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	138		
81	73	Murray S/C Inc	73		17.8
3250	2900	Murray S/C Unit	3025		0.4
460	376	Murray Smalt	427	+4	2.4
377	308	Murray Ventr	348		4.3
19	11	Newmarket	14		
61	53	Northrop Inc	58		10.4
79	61	Northrop Cap	70		
372	316	O'seas Inv Tst	349	+3	1.3
199	158	O'seas Wts	161	+1	
141	90½	Pacific Assets	130½	-½	0.3
95	73½	Perpetual Jap	75½	-½	
286	216	Perpt Uk Sml Co	284		1.0
£104½	8425	Personal Assets	£104½	+12½	2.4
125	107	Pilot Inv	108		2.1
108	87½	Prolific Inct	105½	+½	3.5
196	164	RIT Cap Ptn	193	-2	1.0
34	26½	River Merc Am Cap	34	-½	
104	97	River Merc Am Inct	102		9.5
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	9½		
134	114	River Merc Cap	125½		
95	77½	River Merc Ex Inct	86		11.3
16	8	River Merc Ex Incw	8		
83	78	River Merc Gat Inc	83		11.6
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pfd	27½		
112	106	River Merc Tst Inc	108		10.6
141	112	River Merc Sm Cot	134		4.0
43	20	River Merc Sm Wt	32		
453	394	Robeco	430	+3	3.3
480	398	Rolinco	452	+1	1.7
117	103	Schrod Inc Gwth	109		
94	67	Schrod Jap Gwth	85½	+½	
879	685½	Schrod Korea	808	+15½	
298	146	Schrod Medm	289		0.3
30	24½	Schrod Split Cap	25½		
113	103	Schrod Split Inc	102		9.2
127½	109½	Schrod Split Zero	127½		
121	98	Schrod UK Gwth	121	+1	2.5
246	200	Scot	242½	+1	2.7
171	147½	Scot American	162½	+1½	3.9
305	216	Scot Assets	272	+2	
815	555	Scot Inv	683		
95	74½	Scot Eastern	91½	-1	2.2
249	206	Scot Mge	242½	+½	2.2
96	78½	Scot Natl 1st	93½		10.1
117	100	Scot Value	113		2.3
1837	1483	Second Alliance	1743	-10	3.3
93	76	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	-1½	4.7
150	124	Selective Assets	144		1.4
142	123	SPIRESOIT	138		5.2
47½	31½	Sphere Inv	43		15.0
357	289	St Andrew Inv	352	+1	3.0
387	318	Temple Bar	371	+4	4.7
114	90	Thrgn Asian E	103½	-2	0.5
61	16½	Throg Dual Co	56		
85	68	Throgmorton	81		3.5
134	98	Toast Emg Mkt	124½	-2	0.6
158½	139½	TR City Of Lon	156	+1½	4.0
330	159	TR Euro Growth	313½		1.1
187	127	TR Far East	162½	-1½	4.6
179	86	TR Pacific	129½	-1½	2.2
31½	26½	TR Property	29½		4.5
206	171	TR Smr Cos	201		2.4
208	100	TR Tech Inv	179	-2	1.3
241	177	Tertley Tst	217		1.2
246	217	USDC Invest	244	-2	2.9
117	93	Undervalued Ast	115		1.5
139	108	Value Inc Tst	129		4.2
88	78	Voyageur Er Sm	91		0.2
36	33½	Warrants & Val	32½		
66	56	Wigmore	60		1.6
262	211½	Witan	253½	+1½	3.1
99	82	Yeoman Inc	83		20.5

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abrex Sk H	30			
249	155	Airtours	232		5.3	7.2
41	31	All Leis	41			
151	96	Alpha Airport	120	-1	3.9	10.0
54	35	Ambassador	52		1.9	
195	129	BS Group	176		2.3	13.2
188	111	Bedord	165		3.3	13.3
255	197	Ben & Wall	212		2.9	11.6
281	212	Bluebird Toys	233	+1	2.9	11.6
466	333	Booker Hawe	465		1.7	23.1
3½	1½	Bred Walker	1½			
46	35	Burndene	41		5.9	13.5
26½	5½	Caesar Plc	7½		6.5	
348	248	Chrysalis	346			
97	78	City Centre Rest	94	-1	2.6	13.3
443	305	Compass Gp	435		2.1	25.5
265	213	Eurocamp	235		3.3	22.7
115	112	Euro Disney	113		5.7	13.3
176	95	Eur Leisure	164			
450	358	Fairline Boats	359		5.9	14.5
118½	62	First Choice▼	67	+1	7.1	13.0
349	282	First Leisure†	345		2.6	20.5
276	224½	Forte†	252	+6	3.7	28.7
175	133	Friendly Hotels†	142	-1	5.0	16.6
687	476	Granada	676	+1	1.9	16.3
169	108	Groupe Chez Gert	169	+4	1.8	20.1
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	26	-4	6.2	
168	96	Hornby	160		3.9	13.8
333½	134	Jarvis Hotel	211½		3.6	13.5
33½	14½	Kunick	22½	+½	4.2	24.5
443	264	London Clubs	410		4.0	13.8
187½	159	Ladbroke†	168	+3	4.5	50.4
64	29	Magnolia	29		0.4	
213	122	Man Utd†	211		2.7	
97½	58	Marston Oml	70½	+3½	5.0	15.5
15½	9½	My Kinda Town†	13½		2.7	
91	66	Nomen	89	+1	5.7	
110	70	Pelican Gp	103		1.8	21.4
198	121	PizzaExpress†	193		1.4	22.9
141	76	Prism Leisure	128		4.7	9.6
20	5½	Queens Moat	8½	-½		
286	217	Ramsdens (H)	273		2.1	32.1
464	358	Rank Org	421		4.1	14.3
37	28	Ryan Hotels IEt	32		5.0	11.2
950	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	883		1.0	46.6
89½	76	Stalis	77½		2.5	17.2
398	340	Stanley Leisure	355		2.2	16.6
348	280	Takpmg	346		0.9	23.7
1569½	997	Thorn EMI	1473	-7	3.1	25.0
219	112	Tottenham Hott	201		1.9	6.6
81	63	Toy Options	80		4.1	11.9
241	161	VCIt	241		2.2	16.5
156	126	Vardon†	128		1.5	18.9
650	216	Wembley	337	-7		
135	98	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	9.7

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
465	335	Abbot Mead†	464		2.1	27.5
310	260	Adscene	260		3.8	14.4
38½	22	Aegis Gp	36			14.4
7½	1½	Allied Radio	4			
13	9	BBB Design	10			
270	155	Barbour Index	270	+3	4.2	33.3
10½	4½	Birkdale	8			
345	315	Black (A&C)	335		5.2	15.6
287	174	Bemrose Gp	252	+2	5.1	15.1
233	195	Border TV	215		2.8	23.2
368	325	[illegible]	340		4.1	21.8
406	242	BSkyB†	378	+5	0.6	
450	126	CIA Gp	134		1.8	26.2
30	12	Caledonian Mas	22			
481	343	Capital Radio	455	-7	4.2	23.3
1082	251	Carlton Comm	964	-15	3.3	14.3
150	95	City of Lon	91		6.9	11.9
149	87½	Cordiant	86	-2		
1451½	1181½	Daily Mail	1294½		1.6	17.8
1278½	958½	Daily Mail 'A'	1094½	+3½	1.9	15.0
545	235	Dorling Kind	540	+2		
865	535	EMAP	821	+1	1.2	23.8
895½	584½	Elsevier	788	-37½	2.6	19.8
1855	1063	Euromoney Pb	1063		5.1	15.1
26½	17	Flex	22½			14.8
485	323	Flextech	475	-4		
152½	159½	GWR Gp	158		1.5	31.4
234	143	[illegible]	230		1.9	12.6
26	13	[illegible]	20		6.3	
276	136	[illegible]	203		1.3	18.7
213	132	HTV Group	209		1.3	27.5
355	203	Haynes Publ	369	-5	4.4	13.2
50	17	Heritage Hse	25			
398	333	Hodder Hdline	394		2.8	16.4
162	137	Home Counties	143		4.9	16.0
13½	6½	Incepta	7½		17.9	5.4
386	248	Independent	375	+4	2.5	18.0
346	229	Ind Ess Comm	299	+1	3.3	18.9
135	103	[illegible]	103		9.5	26.8
169	126	Johnston Press	156		1.6	19.1
		Lopex	19		3.3	18.3
		MAID	264			
636	565	[illegible]	635		2.5	26.7
133	109	Midland Ind	124		3.4	13.0
177	120	Mirror Grp	167		2.8	10.9
483	344	More O'Ferrall	459	-2	3.6	18.9
353	221	News Corp	318	+3	0.5	8.4
307	221	News Int	295		7.4	11.2
35	18	Oakley Cmcns	20			
667	539	Pearson†	629	-1	3.1	19.4
207½	164	Photobox	164	-4		
606	533	Portsmth Sund	540		2.7	12.5
291	213	Quarto	262		3.0	13.4
1015	712	Reed Int	962	+9	2.9	24.9
827	424	Reuters	588	+12	1.8	26.0
334	222½	Scot Radio	323	-1	2.4	21.7
515	323	Scot TV	494		4.0	32.5
43	28½	SelecTV	29	-1		49.2
		[illegible]	37½	+1	4.5	8.5
65	41	[illegible]	43			23.0
274	222	Southnews	227	+1	2.5	16.4
58	20	Sterling Pub	38		3.3	
135	95	[illegible]	100		5.0	8.4
45	33½	Taylor Nelson	44½		1.9	22.6
453	328	Telegraph	411	+1	4.0	17.6
865	725	Thomson Corp	815	+30	5.4	11.5
352	[illegible]	Trinity Int	328		4.1	12.6
923	725	[illegible]	856		2.9	18.5
564	464	United News	518	+2	5.6	13.6
121	85	VTR	90		5.8	9.4
187	121	WPP	154	+2	1.0	21.2
625	366	Yorkshire TV	570	-1	1.6	61.0

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4823	3593½	Ang Am Coal	4168½		2.8	15.8
3693½	2846½	Ang Am	3363½	-3½	2.2	27.9
6467½	4973	Ang Am Gold	5122½	+9½	4.2	14.8

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
56	34	Abbot Group	49			
79½	29½	Aran Energy	76			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	47½			
58	45	Anvil Pet	45			
305	220	Br Borneo	294		3.2	13.7
317½	235	British Gas†	241	-2	7.5	26.5
502	392	Br Petroleum†	465½	+3½	3.4	13.7
3	2	Eula Resources	2½			
999	815	Burmah Castrol†	985	+1	3.9	16.1
111	69½	Cairn Energy	111	+1		
280	252	Calor Gpt	257		6.1	14.2
57	36	Clyde Pet	52		2.5	10.9
14	5¼	Coplex Res	9½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22	18	Edin Oil & Gs	20½			11.5
424	329	Enterprise†	335	+3	6.0	19.0
280	230	Floga	235		5.3	10.7
8½	5	Fortune	7½			57.2
79	62	Goal Pet	69		2.7	10.5
42	18	Gt Western Res	18			
198	129	Hardy O & G	187		0.7	
7½	4½	Int Tool & Sup	6½			
226	180	JKX Oil & Gas	185	-5		
186	139	LASMO	154	+½	0.8	27.3
56	33	Lasmo Units†	38			
70½	58½	Monument	58½			37.2
2918½	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2518½	-12½	1.7	13.9
50	27½	Oceanics	31			
58	38	Oil Search	52			
41½	27½	Petrol	29½			
29½	22½	Premier	26			15.8
43	11	Pricaste	11			
96	49	Pittencrieff Rs	49		1.3	
388	221	Ramco Egy	368	+10	0.3	50.9
453	330	Ranger	363	+28	5.8	
8143½	6865½	Royal Dtch R	7700	+50	4.7	14.3
4490½	3218½	Schlumberger	4009½	+171½	2.4	
49	39	Scott Pickford	30		3.8	8.1
116	84	Seafield	87			45.6
783½	687	Shell†	741	+14	4.9	16.5
4228½	3234½	Total	3846½	+28½	4.0	13.8
14½	8½	Villers Grp	14			
325	221	Woodside	301	-3	1.3	
58	33	XCL	35			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	95	-3	5.5	15.5
163	126	Baltic Plct	156	-1	2.6	8.5
78	43	Berry Bch Nbl	43		7.6	12.2
226	148	Bidec Inv	215			

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
910	425	Br Biotech	889	-3		
345	105	Cantab Pharms	310	-1		
485	233½	Celltech	469	-1		
325		Chiroscience	292	-1		
112	31	Cortecs	110	-2		
258	103	Fisons	252		2.2	
871	587	Glaxo Wellcome	853½	-½	4.4	18.5
294	162	Medeva	274	-3	1.6	17.6
713	173	Scotia	650	-20		
675	444	SmithKline	660½	-2½	2.6	19.5
662	416	Smithkline Eq	648	-6	2.6	19.1
1210	840	Zeneca†	1172½	-7½	3.0	24.0

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	120	AG Holdings	138		5.3	
514	377	API	514		2.3	22.4
296	219	Arjo Wiggins†	234	-1	4.0	10.5
48	31	Ashquay Grp	44			
234	162	Aspen Comm	219		3.3	16.3
425	347	Bemrose	398		4.2	12.9
3471½	1675	Bowater Inc	2718½	-18½		
414	280	Bowater Intl†	404		1.5	19.0
700	473	Br Polythene	694	+2	2.7	15.9
40	22	Br Printing	35		9.6	8.8
160	112	Britton Grpt	160	+1	2.1	17.0
218	159	Bunzl†	201	+4	3.2	13.8
187	137	Capital Inds	172		3.1	12.1
2871½	2046½	Carraud MM	2590½	-6½	2.2	15.7
314	237	Cooper (James)	300	+11	1.5	15.5
1054	859	De La Rue	902	-10	3.2	16.4
80	52	Delyn Group	63		3.5	9.2
121	93	Dolphin Packt	109		5.4	13.8
106	81	Fairway Group	98		4.7	14.4
352	215	Ferguson Intl	234	+9	2.2	10.1
169	102	Fern Plus	134		5.6	12.0
206	138	Inveresk	184		3.9	16.4
296	245	Jarvis Porter	283		2.7	15.5
548	381	Low & Bonar	511	-2	2.9	15.4
74	50	MY Holdings	70		3.6	
224	152½	Mackrane	210		2.0	19.9
267	150	Photobion	254	+2	3.0	17.1
230	163	Plysu	208		4.2	23.3
513	370	REXAM†	405	+6	4.4	13.1
436	324	St Ives Grp	434	+3½	2.4	
1329½	978	Sappi	1186½	-10	0.4	
9½	6	Seril	6			
205	139	Sidlaw	154		8.9	11.2
678	490	Smith David	578	+1	2.8	11.5
215	152	Smurfit (Jeff)	174	+8	2.7	10.1
99	82	Sonac	84		4.5	7.2
267	213	Wace	241		2.9	11.4
236	187	Waddington (J)	230		4.7	14.2
443	350	Watmough	419½	+6½	2.6	17.9
186	131	Wyndeham	184		3.0	17.8

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
53	68	Allied Lon	69		7.6	6.0
316	256	Argent	302			
90	66	Ameson Ests	79		2.4	19.0
128	103	Asdan	121		2.5	30.3
301	211	Billiton	218		5.7	15.5
215	140	Bristo	153		6.0	9.3
		Bolton Intl	23			
51	44	Bourne End	44	-2	3.3	58.5
283	171	Bradford	182	+1	4.9	16.2
122	95	Brightstone	98		5.0	45.9
376	354	Br Land	362	+6	2.5	30.5
192	163	Brixton	168	+4	6.3	15.6
128	81	Burton	125		8.3	15.0
151	95	CLS Hldgs	96		6.6	13.0
172	131	Cap & Regnl	159		1.8	17.2
193	187	Cap Shop Cts	200	+2	4.4	23.8
203	153	Carroll Prop	158		2.1	28.6
29½	14	Carney Intl	15			
150	143	Chelsfield†	165	-1	2.0	36.2
466	430	Chesterfield	433		3.8	18.7
83	65	Chesterton Intt	69		5.4	
59	40	City Site Ests	40			9.3
9	5	Clarke Nickollst	7		3.9	9.9
107	95	Compco	101		4.1	12.7
39	19	Con Ranst	33	-1	3.1	25.7
1205	1165	Daejan	1170		3.4	11.3
9	3	Darez Estates	3½			
95	41	Dependra Trcn	41		10.4	7.7
163	138	Dencora	138		3.4	13.6
308	225	Derwent Hldgs▼	291		2.2	15.2
195	130	Development Sect	139	-2	2.2	
46	32	Eanye	33		4.3	12.0
49	36	Elecc	36			
380	250	Estates Agency	352		4.9	
23½	14	Estates Gen	13½			
119	82	Evans Of Leeds	112		3.1	17.7
26	18	Ex-Lands	24		2.2	32.9
69	52	Fecral Proof	52		4.6	16.0
26½	23	Five Oaks	23		3.9	
22	16	Fletcher King	16½		1.6	
60	41	Folkes Groupt	59		3.4	7.8
59	34	Folkes Group nv	57		3.5	7.5
499	408	Frogmore†	420	+1	5.1	16.1
282	236	Grainger	258		3.0	14.1
198	159	Gt Portland	162	+3	6.8	13.0
161	117½	Greycoat	139		0.5	
36	22	Hamoo Cotyw	31	+1	0.2	
398	310	Hammerson†	327	+2	3.8	22.8
332	300	Helical Bar†	319		2.6	12.3
38½	22½	Hemingway†	33½		3.1	15.5
17	7	Hemng Bam	13			
50	27	High-Point	27	-1	4.6	
148½	104½	Hk Land	115	+2½	6.3	13.2
165	153	Jermyn	163		1.9	
	0½	Kendall	1			
545	545	Land Sec	581	+7	5.4	16.8
326	258	London Ind	288		4.3	14.2
37	30	Lon & Assoc	32	-1	2.7	16.7
9	5	Lon & Metro	5	-½		
107	86	Lon Merch Sec	95		5.8	21.4
418	358	MEPC	376	+13	6.6	20.5
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
165	130	McKay Secs	135		4.8	17.6
90	48	Mentale Mktt	80		5.9	11.6
32	25	Moorfield Est	26½		4.7	14.4
1250	850	Mountview	1125		3.0	8.1
151	124	Mucklow (A&J)	138		6.0	18.3
1	0½	ORB	0½			0.6
32	23	Olives Prop	25		1.5	22.4
146	125	PSIT	132		5.1	15.6
309	204	Peel	309		2.2	
178	145	Pillar Prop	152	+5	2.5	41.6
2½	1½	Power Corp@	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land▲	4½			16.6
102	70	RPS Group	101	-1	3.9	13.3
34	23	Raglan	24½		5.1	10.7
28	18	Regalian	19½			16.6
163	100	Rowlinson Secs	143		2.0	11.1
102	96	Rugby Est	98		2.1	8.6
57	40	St Modwen Prp	52		4.3	7.6
68	54	Savile Grdn (J)	57		6.6	13.3
83	42	Savills	43		7.3	7.8
81	67	Scot Mer	73½		4.3	
130	86	Shaftesbury	120		1.6	26.2
243	189	Slough Estates	196	+1	5.2	23.8
220	185	Smart (J)	218		4.9	17.4
55	37	Southend Prop	42		7.5	
110	103	Specty Shops	105		1.5	14.6
57	36	TBI	57	+½	0.4	40.8
167	135	Tops Ests	143		2.0	36.8
104	86	Town Centre	86		4.9	
101	76	Trafford Park	94		4.4	
49	33	UK Land	40		3.1	4.5
61	40	WSP Group	51	+2	5.1	11.4
219	192	Warner	204		7.0	17.5
235	206	Warnford	205		4.8	17.5
79	63	Wates	68			
35	25	Whitney Mk	25			
66	33	Wood John D	38		6.6	9.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	102½	-½	2.7	17.4
369	254½	Argyll	322	-1	4.7	13.8
718	455	Baile Broc	690		1.5	30.7
39	23	Budgen	34½		4.0	32.5
18	11½	Cullens	15½	-1	4.0	21.8
89½	50½	Dairy Farm Ind	52½	+½	7.2	7.7
355	308	Farepak	308		3.1	15.0
56	38	Fitzwilton	50		5.7	21.2
115	98	Fyffes	102		2.0	14.6
200	145	Geest	150	+1	6.9	58.4
1283	1048	Greggs	1165		2.6	16.1
196	142	Iceland Groupt	167	-1	3.9	18.0
732	519	Kwik Save	694	-6	3.5	13.0
19½	10	Merchant Retail	17			11.8
170	132	Morrison (W)†	149	-1	1.0	14.0
199	126	Nurdin Peack	193		4.5	20.6
128	83	Park Foods	98		3.7	16.9
30	7½	Regina Hlth	13½			
479½	401	Sainsbury J	424	+½	3.4	14.3
339	236	Tesco†	300	-3	3.7	14.3
175	142	Thornconst	148		4.5	17.0
515	358	Watson & Philip	514		3.8	18.0

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
69	21	Alexon	62½			
244	167	Alders	177		4.9	10.0
515½	324	Argos Plct	511	+6	2.9	21.6
128	63	Ashley (Laura)	127			
140	54	Austry	113	-5	1.4	15.5
225	182½	Austin Reedt	187		4.0	10.8
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A't	130	-1	6.2	14.2
124	106	Benalls†	106		2.5	11.5
98	38	Bennmore	65½		5.5	37.6
50	30	Blacks Lec	44		6.4	22.6
194	107	Body Shop†	156	+2½	2.9	9.3
586	465	Boots	560	+5	3.8	15.4
54	18	Brown & Jackson	22	-3		
271	205	Brown (N)	269	-1	2.4	20.4
113½	66	Burton	101	-½	2.5	26.4
150	90	Carlorst	97		3.9	16.8
375	335	Carpetright	347½	+5	3.6	20.8
219	132	Church Ind	206	+1½	1.4	35.0
480	418	Church	418		4.1	17.2
106	67	Clinton Cards†	103		5.9	13.0
140	84	C'ty Casuals†	140			
813	706	Courts Furnish	740		7.1	21.6
220	183	Crown Eye	195		6.7	8.0
353	238	DFS Furniture†	352	+9	2.9	
400	186	Dixons Grp	383		2.4	23.1
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.9	36.9
10	5½	ERA Gp	8½			12.8
161	77	Essex Furn	105		6.5	11.7
236	147	Foam	166	+1	4.7	
460	320	Fine Art Dev	417		4.6	12.8
66	37	Fired Earth†	66		1.9	23.8
140½	81	Flying Flowers	138	+6	1.9	18.0
295	183	French Conn	183			11.9

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	491	Allied Domecq	511	+2	5.8	12.0
499½	330	Bulmer (HP)	499½	+6½	3.0	12.8
131	96	Burn Stewart	132½	+4	4.7	28.5
461½	352	Grand Met	438	+3	4.1	20.7
536	404	Guinness†	507	+5	3.5	15.7
445	337	Highland Dist	348	+1	2.9	13.5
217	175	Macallan-Glen†	204		6.8	45.2
710	600	Macdon Mrtn 'A'	640		2.1	23.4
672	532	Mstnew Clark	641	+1	4.1	
140	61	Merydown A	134		0.9	
240	125	Taunton Cider	238	+1	3.7	23.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	623	ADT	898	-1		
41	33	Alphameric	33		1.4	17.2
74	51	Auto Sec	53			9.8
145	101½	BET Ord	126	-½	4.0	15.3
178	130	BNB Rect	134	+2	5.3	10.5
293	250	BPP†	263		4.3	18.4
199	131	BSM†	156		5.3	11.9
6½	0½	Black & Edg	6½	-½		
1100	500	Borland	987½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgmt	179	-1	4.9	31.9
89	69	Brooke Servicet	79		4.0	17.5
120	75	CRT Grt	135		3.9	18.0
355	138	Capita Group	242		1.9	22.4
100	19½	Cardinal Bus	27			
359	277½	Chubb Sec	332½	-2½	2.8	17.6
94	58½	Corp Services	87		4.3	14.8
61	46	Coats Credit	54		3.9	
102	65	DCS Grp	100		1.9	28.1
256	204	Davis Service	237	-1	4.6	14.0
358	330	Delonr†	358		1.4	40.0
107	66	Dudley Jenkins	97		4.4	14.8
94	23	EW Fac	50		7.4	6.3
155	118	El Data Prc	145		1.7	15.2
373	280	Havelt	355	-7	2.4	
218	145	Hogg Robinson	201		4.7	12.8
2031½	1028½	ISS 'B' DK	1646½	-18½	1.5	14.7
385	152	JBA Hldgst	383		1.1	43.2
279	223	Johnson Clean	223	-5	6.1	12.6
111	80	Kalamazoo	95		4.9	8.0
345	239	Kewill Sys	339		2.2	11.9
27	11	Lasu-Scan	19			
387	77	LBMS	374			
503	301	Lorient	452		1.6	22.5
107	49	MDIS	75	-2½	8.6	16.4
208	182	MMT Comp	185	-1	3.8	12.9
128	54	MR Data Mngt	68		6.5	48.3
425	368	Macro 4†	419		6.5	11.3
2140½	1553½	Manpower	1743½		0.4	
540	563	Micro Focus	573	-3		
179	102	Microgen	162	+2	5.7	13.9
635	305	Misys	599		1.9	27.0
282	197	MITIE Gp	262	-1	1.3	23.2
36	25	Morrs Group	31		5.6	13.3
25	15	OIS Intl	19		2.0	
29	18	Onex	27		2.4	14.9
152	74	P & P	152	+9	2.9	15.4
175	110	Michael Paget	176		3.4	18.0
188	105	Parity	161	-1	1.5	19.7
240	138	Pegasus	235	-2	2.7	16.8
110	75	Penna	76		1.6	
73	30	Proudfoot	39	-1	8.3	
305	200	RCO	286		9.7	9.2
60½	33	Racius	57		3.8	14.1
202	150	Real Time	177	-2	3.7	6.8
144	101	Reed Executive	102		2.2	11.7
206	142	Reliance Sec	204		3.9	19.5
335½	212½	Rentokil	315	-½	1.5	24.3
163	135	Ricardo Groupt	160		1.5	17.1
293	158	Rolfe & Nolan	250	-2	2.0	37.3
267½	132½	Sage Gp	253	-11	1.3	20.9
291	229	Salvesen (C)	242	+2	4.3	12.4
126	79	Sanderson Elec	125		4.1	16.2
17	11½	Select App	16	-½		26.3
510	380	Sema Grp	499	-1	1.1	22.8
375	238	Serco Gp	372		1.4	29.2
189	80	Sherwd Cmpt	167		1.7	
143	93	Sketchley	135		2.1	15.7
22	11	Standard Pat	15½			
220	167	Sta Plus†	297		5.0	19.0
578	116	Ungaro	508	+54		
27½	11½	Vistec	21½		2.4	
295	245	Warner Howrd	272		2.7	13.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	363½	BT	376½	+3½	5.9	12.9
449	350½	Cable Wireless	414	+3½	2.7	18.4
209	165½	General Cable	188	-1		
147	116½	NYNEX Cable	128½	-½		
1765	1475	Securicor	1700	+5	0.3	37.2
1130	900	Securicor 'A'	993	+3	2.4	21.7
1058	728	Security Serv	940	+7	0.9	24.3
195	147	Telewest	177			
285½	177½	Vodafone	261	+5½	1.6	33.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	51		5.9	2.7
173	115	Alexdra Wt	167		4.6	17.4
258	213	Allied Text	214		4.0	12.6
111	72	Allms	109		9.3	23.1
34	26	Automagic@	36			6.6
246	200	Baird (Wm)	218		5.4	15.2
60	36	Beckman (A)	57		5.5	
288	229	Black (Peter)	279	-1	2.3	17.8
158	111	Bridport-Gndry	158	+5	2.5	18.6
213	175	Br Mohair	175	-4	6.4	10.9
29	14	Campari	27			
185	83	Chamo Phlpps	83	-7	12.8	3.9
342	282	Claremont Ga	295	-2	4.0	14.0
221	166	Coats Viyella	187	-3	6.0	12.2
512	410	Courtauld Text	411	-5	4.7	11.9
135	113	Dalywin	125		6.8	6.9
129	92½	Dawson	119		3.2	
194	129½	Dewhirst (IJ)†	188		2.0	17.8
41	30	Delta Heel	34		5.2	8.5
38	25	Drummond	28		3.3	8.9
26	13	Ebsel	15			
68	37	Faupel	37		16.6	5.9
470	280	Fitt	445	-5	4.1	
151	146	Formanster	150		2.8	11.6
21	15	Foster (John)	16			
95	71	French	71		6.4	14.5
103	72	Gent SR†	88		3.6	8.8
125	85	Haggas†	125	+2	3.8	
18½	7½	Hartstone	13½		3.0	41.3
27	15	Helene Plc	16½		13.9	6.4
280	213	Hicking Pntcst	280	+1	2.5	18.5
26	20	Hollas†	20		3.5	
71	29	Honeysuckle	38		9.9	4.4
133	80	Horace Small	89	-1		7.1
218	182	Jacques Vert	183		4.6	8.4
79	56	Jerome (S)†	72	-2	3.0	7.2
456	327	James Stroud	413		3.0	15.3
157	118	Lambert	139		8.4	10.7
357	320	Lamont	320		7.4	3.5
306	241	Leeds	253		3.2	13.1
73	55	Leslie Wise Gp	57		8.3	8.4
84	59	Lyles (S)	61		5.1	6.8
29½	23½	Marling	27		3.0	14.1
10	4½	PEX	6			
210	135	Parkland	190		3.6	8.2
147	102	Pentland†	115	-1	3.5	16.6
73	41	Pelcris	45		3.5	
74½	58½	Readicut	68	-1½	6.3	14.5
81	61	Renovon	69½		6.1	7.3
56	43	Richards	44		3.7	16.5
76	50	SEET	65			
124	75	Sherwood Gpt	118		3.6	14.0
142	92	Shiloh	105	+2	4.5	8.9
107	90	Sirdar†	91	-1	7.5	24.5
58	46	Stirling Gp	48	-1	5.3	18.5
21	13	Strong & Fisher†	17		8.8	17.1
40	29½	UK Safety	31		9.8	37.6
184	114	Usher (Frank)†	175		7.1	8.9
143	96	Welsurist	109	+3	5.5	9.8
325	244	Yorklyde	325		2.9	11.3

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107	61	Air London	96		5.3	
788½	596	All Nippon Air	610½	-1½	0.3	
320	262	Assoc Br Portst	305	+3	2.7	18.3
546	414	BAA	492		2.5	37.6
480½	348	Br Airways	455	-3	3.4	11.3
51	25	Central Tran R	25	-1		
123	93	Clarkson (H)†	108	-2	2.9	17.8
193	153	Clydeson	170		3.8	15.7
182	142	Dart	182		3.2	13.7
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	95	-1		
154	131	FirstBus	138	+1	4.1	
80	60	Fisher (James)†	80		2.3	18.7
625	403½	Forth Ports▼	615	+5	2.3	20.5
285	166	Go-Ahead	285		2.1	18.4
273	199	Goode Durrant	242		3.7	11.8
138	100	Inth Steam	112	-5	7.8	12.8
548	393	Inth Cont	483			
70	52	Jacobs	69			
107	67	Lon O'Seas Frs	84		3.8	11.4
485	358	Mersey Docks†	458		3.7	17.5
189	142½	NFC	158	-3	3.7	15.8
422	289	Natl Express	405		3.9	16.0
381	261	Ocean Groupt	368		3.9	22.5
94	58	Ocean Wilsont	90		4.9	3.5
637	459	P & O Dfd	482	+5	6.3	12.8
189	167	P & O 5.5%	186			
89	55	Seacon	67		4.2	38.1
231	158	Servisairt	220		2.1	31.5
268	196	Stagecoach	258		2.0	18.9
310	76	TNT	89			
713	418	Tibbet & Britten	440	+5	1.6	14.3
241	184	TDG	193½		6.1	12.8
128	76	Uglandt	78		5.9	12.9
113	77	Utd Carriers	82		7.5	15.5

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian	583	+7	5.8	8.6
366	295	Mid Kent Hdgs	358		4.4	9.7
841	467½	North West▼	619	+9	5.4	8.2
1033	676	Northumbrian	998	-3	3.5	9.6
868	475	Severn Trent	636		6.6	7.9
2295	1855	South Staffs	2280		3.7	13.3
555	459	South West	501	-2	6.8	7.0
731	317	Southern	601	-5	4.8	8.8
568	456	Thames	527	+6	6.3	7.2
880	592½	Welsh	762		6.8	9.0
105½	100½	Welsh Cm Prf	104	+½		
301	256½	Wessex	295	-1	4.9	8.4
677½	472	Yorkshire	615	-1	5.6	9.8

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106⅝	101⅛	Treas 14% 1996	101⅝	-⅛	13.78	6.57
109⅝	104½	Treas 15¼% 1996	104½		14.61	6.40
107½	103⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	103⅝		12.79	6.45
104⅝	103⅝	Conv 10% 1996	103⅝		9.68	6.42
100⅞	97⅜	Treas 7% 1997	100⅛		6.97	6.71
109⅝	107⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	107⅝	-⅛	12.30	6.53
105⅝	104½	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅝		10.03	6.56
103⅝	100½	Treas 8¾% 1997	103⅛		8.47	6.74
117⅝	114⅛	Exch 15% 1997	114⅝	+⅛	13.05	6.79
107⅝	102⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	105⅝	+⅛	9.23	6.89
101⅝	96⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅝	+⅛	7.21	6.96
99⅝	94⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99¼	+⅛	6.80	7.06
117⅝	114⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅝	+⅛	12.06	7.02
124⅝	120⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅝		12.73	7.08
114⅝	109⅝	Exch 12% 1998	112⅝		10.63	7.18
107⅝	100⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	106⅝	-⅛	8.93	7.18
118⅝	111⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	114⅝		10.68	7.25
110⅝	105⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	109⅝	+⅛	9.55	7.26
99⅝	89⅝	Treas 6% 1999	95⅝	-⅛	6.27	7.28
110⅝	105⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	109⅝	+⅛	9.32	7.36
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
106⅝	100⅝	Conv 9% 2000	105⅝	-⅛	8.50	7.34
103⅝	98⅝	Treas 8% 2000	102⅝	-⅛	7.80	7.38
123⅝	117	Treas 13% 2000	121⅝	+⅛	10.69	7.44
111⅝	104⅝	Treas 10% 2001	110⅝	-⅛	9.05	7.54
97⅝	90⅝	Treas 7% 2001	97⅝	-⅛	7.21	7.59
111⅝	103⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅝	-⅛	8.83	7.72
102⅝	94⅝	Treas 8% 2003	101⅝	-⅛	7.92	7.79
113⅝	105⅝	Treas 10% 2003	112⅝	-⅛	8.89	7.82
118	110⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116⅝	+⅛	9.87	7.67
80⅝	70½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79⅝	+⅛	4.41	6.61
111⅝	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	109½	-⅛	8.65	7.92
93⅝	86⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	92⅝	-⅛	7.31	7.94
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2005	103⅝	-⅛	8.19	7.93
111⅝	103⅝	Conv 9½% 2005	109⅝	+⅛	8.65	7.98
128⅝	119⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅝	+⅛	9.87	7.94
99⅝	92⅝	Treas 7¾% 2006	98⅝	-⅛	7.90	8.00
101⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅝	+⅛	7.98	7.97
123⅝	113⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅝	+⅛	9.73	7.89
105⅝	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	103⅝	+⅛	8.22	8.03
135⅝	126⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133⅝	+⅛	10.12	7.95
110⅝	101⅝	Treas 9% 2008	107⅝	+⅛	8.38	8.05
102⅝	94	Treas 8% 2009	99⅝	-⅛	8.07	8.08
LONGS (over 15 years)						
86⅝	79⅝	Treas 6¼% 2010	83⅝	-⅛	7.46	8.12
111⅝	101⅝	Conv 9% 2011	107⅝	+⅛	8.37	8.12
111⅝	102⅝	Treas 9% 2012	107⅝	+⅛	8.36	8.13
80⅝	72⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78⅝	-⅛	7.02	7.83
102⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	98⅝	-⅛	8.12	8.13
99⅝	91⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95⅝	-⅛	8.06	8.14
110⅝	100⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	105⅝	-⅛	8.28	8.16
139⅝	127⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	135⅝	+⅛	8.88	8.22
UNDATED						
45⅝	40⅝	War Ln 3½%	42⅝	-⅛	8.21	
31⅝	28⅝	Treas 2½%	30⅝	+⅛	8.26	
49⅝	45⅝	Consols 4%	47⅝	+⅛	8.42	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
213⅝	201⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	213⅝	+⅛	0.36	3.28
112⅝	106⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111⅝	-⅛	2.11	3.23
177⅝	169⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176⅝	-⅛	3.13	3.62
173⅝	161⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172⅝		3.27	3.65
115⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅝	-⅛	3.28	3.63
183⅝	168⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	180⅝	+⅛	3.35	3.82
165⅝	152⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163⅝	-⅛	3.42	3.85
171⅝	157⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169⅝	-⅛	3.46	3.86
141⅝	129⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138⅝	-⅛	3.48	3.87
150⅝	137⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148⅝	-⅛	3.53	3.70
146⅝	131⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142⅝	+⅛	3.57	3.72
120⅝	109⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118⅝	+⅛	3.57	3.70
119⅝	108⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117⅝	+⅛	3.57	3.71

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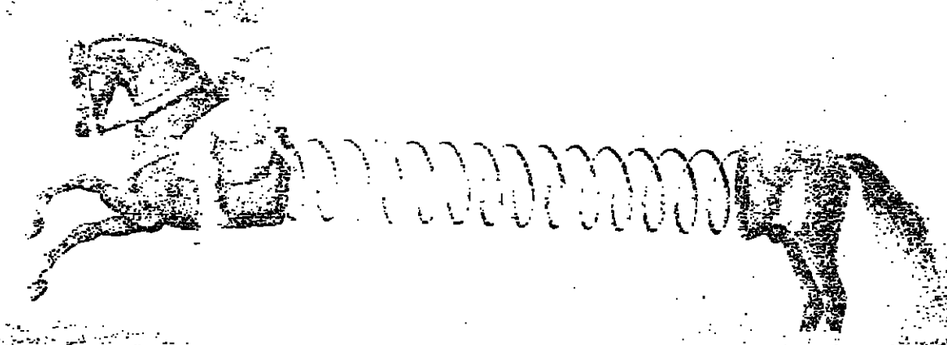
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	183.30	193.90	-0.40	0.12
Grofund Equity	259.10	277.80	-0.93	2.20
Grofund Euro	225.60	232.70	-0.40	1.33
Grofund Expt Bal	120.40	124.80	..	1.06
Grofund Gilt	74.16	78.46	-0.03	5.29
Grofund Japan	150.30	159.00	-0.70	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	595.00	633.00t	+1.30	2.71
General Inc	511.70	543.90t	+1.20	2.71
UK Growth Acc	404.00	429.80t	-1.50	2.80
UK Growth Inc	269.10	286.30t	-1.00	2.80
Higher Inc Acc	745.90	796.80t	+1.70	4.13
Higher Inc Inc	416.90	443.60t	-1.00	4.13
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	199.50	210.70	-0.70	5.73
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	91.74	96.90	-0.07	5.73
Nth America	319.10	338.50t	-5.20	
Europe	305.70	326.30t	-0.50	0.93
Brit Excell	81.81	87.04	-1.33	2.91
Brit Fndmtls Acc	109.60	116.70t	-0.30	4.76
Brit Fndmtls Inc	76.74	81.64t	-0.16	4.76
Global Opps	91.08	96.92	+0.02	0.32
Balanced Acc	59.27	61.95t	-0.12	2.99
Balanced Inc	56.73	59.29t	-0.13	2.95
Japan Acc	42.93	45.78t	-0.04	
Pac Basin Acc	367.60	391.10t	+1.50	0.97
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	129.50	136.80t	-0.30	7.31
High Inc Equity	175.20	185.90t	-0.60	4.23
Worldwide Bond	286.30	303.50		4.61
Capital Growth				
American Growth	325.70	348.30	-2.50	0.36
Asian Pacific	301.60	322.60	-0.50	
Assets & Earnings	289.10	307.50	-0.40	2.78
Commdty & Energy	100.60	107.00	-0.20	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	144.60	154.70	-0.60	2.63
-do- Accum	155.10	165.60	-0.60	0.62
General	297.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.04
Japan	112.50	119.90	-0.60	
Mastertrust	147.10	157.30	-0.70	1.50
US Emerging Cos	156.30	178.30	-1.60	
Income & Growth	425.10	452.20	-1.10	3.31
Ethical	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.66
International	119.60	127.20	-0.50	0.70
Dividend & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.13	4.09
Global Gwth & Sec	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.02	2.73
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	197.05	204.02		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	51.10	[illegible]	-0.39	2.58
Cash	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.91
Emerging Mkts	65.41	[illegible]	-0.12	0.02
European	125.51	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Exempt	1010.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.72
Extra Income #	48.54	[illegible]	-0.14	6.55
Far East Emg Eco	114.65	[illegible]	-0.15	3.61
Fixed Interest #	23.23	[illegible]	-0.12	6.52
Fund Inv Tst	161.90	171.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	75.40	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Latin American	46.54	[illegible]	-0.36	0.95
Pacific	76.62	[illegible]	-0.16	[illegible]
Property Share	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Emerging Cos	53.85	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.15	2.33
Wwide Port #	77.41	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethical	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.23
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.45	[illegible]	-0.01	7.34
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	97.79	97.64t	-5.94	
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Rental Property	97.00	104.00		5.73
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	66.62	69.56t	-0.25	2.46
Income Builder Inc	73.97	78.53	-0.06	5.75
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	250.62	267.60	-1.00	2.97
Capital	446.20	473.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Balanced	744.50	786.80	-3.15	2.60
Accumulator	1295.00	1381.00	-5.00	[illegible]
Income Trusts				
American Income	51.85	55.45	-0.33	3.15
High Income	214.20	228.70	[illegible]	3.49
Equity Income	235.40	251.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	251.20	268.00	[illegible]	3.24
Govt Securities	32.42	32.71	[illegible]	8.07
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	170.90	184.50t	-0.40	0.25
European Growth	41.90	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	169.60	[illegible]	-1.60	0.16
Japan	185.40	197.60	-1.20	[illegible]
Pacific	93.10	[illegible]	-0.40	[illegible]
Secs of America	495.90	[illegible]	-0.40	[illegible]
Worldwide Asset Val	60.17	[illegible]	-0.27	1.27
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	582.50	622.40	-2.00	2.12
Cash & Gilt	44.11	47.16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	181.30	193.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
2nd Smaller Cos	177.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Recovery	150.70	161.60t	-0.50	1.52
Met Min & Cos	153.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gwth Earnings	278.80	[illegible]	-0.50	[illegible]
Technology	204.30	[illegible]	-1.20	[illegible]
UK Special Sits	210.20	[illegible]	-2.20	1.95
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Capital Out Pens	105.90	112.50		3.24
Foundtn Pers Pens	95.56	[illegible]		[illegible]
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.74	78.45	-1.04	1.45
International	64.76	68.89		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American	279.70	299.50	-1.00	
Bond	115.10	121.50t	-0.50	[illegible]
Brit Smlr Cos	109.80	116.30	-0.70	1.56
Cons & Gen #	62.30	66.26	-0.31	5.56
Europe	230.50	245.30	-0.50	0.95
Euro Smlr Cos	104.10	111.40	-0.30	[illegible]
Income Gwth	305.80	[illegible]	-1.50	3.31
Japan	201.60	[illegible]	-1.20	
Latin American	64.90	69.40	-0.55	
Pacific	151.60	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.25
UK Smlr Cos	58.53	62.27	-0.18	1.70
Japan Fd	647.30	692.50	-2.40	
Shgo Fd	185.10	[illegible]	-2.60	[illegible]
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Ovsas	315.70	332.30		6.55
Capital Gwth	117.00	123.20		2.66
Wwide Opps	192.60	202.70		0.39
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bks Int Fd Inc	371.30	396.90t	-1.70	2.70
European Bd Inc	93.22	96.52	-0.34	6.94
Exempt	75.29	80.31t	-0.16	4.22
Financial	87.86	93.97	-0.65	2.63
500	465.10	502.90	-0.10	2.63
General	286.30	306.50t	-5.70	2.69
Property	242.40	259.10		6.61
Trustee	203.20	216.80	-1.10	2.30
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40t		6
Extra Income #	125.20	133.90t	-0.40	5.03
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.64	59.57	-0.08	8.38
Income	549.70	588.00	-1.40	3.86
Income Builder #	65.12	69.46	-0.15	5.64
Intl Income	65.22	69.38	-0.17	3.29
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	126.90	135.40	-3.30	2.36
Leisure	142.30	152.29	-0.70	1.06
Recovery	437.60	468.00	-1.40	2.71
Smlr Cos Inc	47.32	50.75	-0.11	2.25
Special Sits	323.10	345.60	-1.20	1.50
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	148.90	158.40	-0.70	0.30
Aust Acc	250.90	269.40	-0.30	2.22
Aust Inc	153.00	164.30	-0.30	2.22
Euro Gwth Inc	161.50	171.60	-0.60	0.77
-do- Accum	174.40	185.30	-0.60	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	154.10	163.20	-0.90	
-do- Accum	155.90	165.00	-0.80	
Japan Spec Sits	70.69	75.10	-0.53	
Unv Tech Inc	89.22	95.06	+0.69	
Worldwide	173.80	184.50	+0.90	0.60
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	108.70	114.90	-1.80	
Amer Smllr Cos	151.50	162.20	-1.70	
Convertibles	52.86	56.67t	-0.01	5.70
Eastern	279.40	302.60	+0.90	0.30
Equity Income	87.49	93.72t	+0.30	4.10
European Growth	317.10	336.40	-1.20	0.80
Europe	261.20	277.50	-1.00	0.20
German Growth	79.34	84.18	-0.29	0.50
Global Bond	66.23	69.71	-0.17	6.50
Global Growth	134.50	143.10	-1.20	
Japan Growth	192.40	204.70	-1.00	
Japan Smlr Co	146.80	155.90	-0.10	
Korea Trust	79.83	87.72	+0.53	
Portfolio	136.40	144.80	-0.40	2.30
-do- Accum	152.40	169.70	-0.60	2.30
UK Growth	86.12	92.24	+0.21	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	82.95	90.32t	-0.86	1.80
Select Managers	79.58	85.28	+0.18	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.33	84.39	-1.10	
Special Opps Inc	55.61	59.16	+1.60	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	120.16	127.15t	+2.11	1.48
-do- Accum	137.49	145.49	+2.41	1.48
Smaller Cos	122.80	129.85t	-0.94	0.88
Higher Yield #	48.67	51.71t	+0.09	4.29
American Gth Inc	80.26	84.93	+1.95	
European Growth	145.73	154.21t	+1.97	0.52
-do- Accum	148.60	157.25	+2.00	0.52
Global Bond Inc #	27.30	28.29	-0.01	7.37
Mngd Pfolio Inc	45.25	47.86t	+0.26	1.46
-do- Accum	46.41	49.09	+0.27	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	129.32	136.84	+0.40	
Pacific Grth	130.80	138.41	-0.07	0.30
UK General #	83.12	87.96	+0.24	3.19
-do- Accum #	86.58	91.62	+0.25	3.19
Japan	56.24	59.52	-0.21	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.77	102.35	-0.15	8.81
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.30	67.15	+0.10	6.34
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	168.30	179.10	-0.40	1.68
UK Growth	183.10	194.80	+0.70	2.18
UK Income	137.50	146.30t	+0.20	4.44
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	208.60	221.10t	+0.80	1.79
-do- Income Dist	113.00	119.80t	-1.80	4.17
-do- Accum	356.10	377.40	-5.50	4.17
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.32	42.73	-0.07	6.36
Growth Units	220.60	235.90	+0.90	2.14
Bond	172.00	181.10	+0.30	6.50
Intl Growth	219.50	233.80	+0.80	0.46
North American	214.40	228.40	+1.90	0.33
Far East	278.10	297.40	-0.10	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	193.50	206.90	-1.30	1.56
European	86.95	92.55	+0.21	0.71
Japanese Growth	43.72	46.47	-0.14	..
High Income	200.00	213.90t	+1.20	4.06
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	174.60	185.60t	+1.20	.
European Inc	82.87	87.75	+0.23	1.19
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.14	96.96	-0.09	1.58
Growth	465.00	494.70	+1.00	1.99
Income & Growth #	430.70	458.20	+3.20	3.92
-do- Accum #	627.20	667.30	+4.60	3.92
Japan & Gen	63.49	67.39	+0.72	
Master Portfolio	£105.62	£109.18t	+31.00	2.38
-do- Accum	£129.06	£132.38	+37.00	2.38
Special Sits	109.00	116.00	+0.30	1.98
High Yield	£14.03	£14.47	+2.60	4.36
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.56	96.72	+0.11	2.65
American Portfolio	104.38	110.79	+0.40	1.01
European Portfolio	109.16	116.48t	+0.15	0.58
High Income	51.01	51.11	+0.13	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	63.32	67.36t	-0.24	
Pacific Portfolio	140.38	150.95	-0.05	1.48
UK Inc & Growth	83.11	89.13t	-0.03	3.04
Utility & Bond	58.14	58.80	+0.10	6.52
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	707.18	717.86	-2.22	4.43
Fxd Int Sec	154.14	154.76	+1.99	9.30
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	696.61	707.13	-7.11	4.51
Investment Acc	£30.67	£31.14	-31.35	
Fixed Int Inc	124.21	124.71	+0.66	9.22
Fixed Int Acc	206.69	207.51	+1.07	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	117.55	129.72		
UK Income	110.56	120.80		6.33
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	86.19	90.99t		2.67
Beck Bio-Tech	37.15	40.90		
Acorn Ethical Tst	162.69	170.84		0.75
City Fin Assets	73.28	76.95t		2.12
City Fin America	95.31	100.09		
City Fin Intl	81.49	86.61t		1.37
City Fin Japan	145.63	152.93		
Framc Hse Cap	278.00	301.78		2.42
Framc Hse Inc	193.39	209.36		4.03
Buckley Wrld Grth	129.78	137.69t		
Fairmal Cap Gth	170.78	190.37		
Fairmount Intl	150.15	161.10		
J S d Inc Gth Inc	55.49	58.27		2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	54.66	58.21	-0.04	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	71.42	76.39	-0.64	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.59	41.73	-0.07	0.62
Dragon Growth	66.15	70.74	-0.15	0.95
Equity High Inc	86.05	92.22	-0.12	4.12
-do- Accum	119.47	128.03	-0.16	4.12
Extra Income Inc	35.92	37.30t	-0.07	7.69
Extra Income Acc	26.97	28.40	-0.06	7.69
European Gwth	55.14	58.66	-0.23	1.24
Evergreen	28.72	31.57	-0.14	
General Equity	30.81	98.35	-6.19	3.03
Japan Growth	46.50	49.13	-0.01	
Peregrine Gwth	55.02	59.03	-0.12	2.90
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.56	34.54	-0.05	1.70
-do- Accum	34.08	36.25	-0.05	1.70
Reversnad Inc #	26.32	29.25	-0.06	5.87
Special Sits	41.02	43.66	+0.07	2.33
UK & Overseas	51.93	55.20	-0.12	1.29
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	73.54	75.76	-0.35	2.01
Balanced	63.80	66.36	-5.06	4.25
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	165.61	176.16t	-0.75	4.97
Fixed & Convertible	39.42	41.94t		6.92
Monthly Inc Plus	48.14	51.21	-0.02	8.75
Preference Shares	41.41	48.51t	-1.09	8.07
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.80	133.82	-0.46	6.09
Managed Fund	70.71	75.21t	-0.29	3.09
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.97	44.65	-3.91	1.82
-do- Accum	48.96	51.95	-2.01	1.82
UK & General	85.31	90.78t	-0.32	2.80
-do- Accum	129.49	138.38t	-0.44	2.80
UK Growth	153.18	166.72	-1.32	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	190.47	202.63	-1.71	0.12
Far Eastern Grth	123.74	132.70	-0.58	
Global Bond	81.31	86.50	-0.29	6.29
Japan Growth	108.82	115.77	-3.26	
North Amer Grd	192.19	204.51	-1.67	
Oriental Growth	76.29	81.16	+0.47	0.97
Worldwide Growth	65.77	71.02	-0.44	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Dollar Fund	91.79	97.78t	-0.01	0.16
Homemaker Fund	84.13	89.50	-0.21	1.69
Cu Ret Fund	140.54	149.51	-0.69	2.94
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.43	34.75		3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	169.61	180.39t	-0.40	1.69
Income	71.85	75.44	-0.62	[illegible]
European	63.72	67.80	-2.75	1.66
Recovery	170.09	180.70	-1.20	2.14
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	897.60	912.20		3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.10	94.79t	-0.09	1.58
Income #	256.40	272.70t	-6.30	4.33
-do- Accum #	657.20	699.10t	-2.50	4.33
Smaller Cos	131.60	[illegible]	-0.50	1.61
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	1.61
Inc Portfolio	91.41	97.25	-0.33	1.61
High Inc Port #	76.45	80.36	-0.17	4.41
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1540.56	1597.99	-20.40	
Japan Small Cos	1061.03	1072.00	-15.60	
UK Small Cos	1015.80	1059.10	-3.70	
US Small Cos	1617.40	1649.13	-12.60	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	219.97	231.40		2.91
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	289.70	307.30	-0.90	0.69
New Asia	210.70	226.70	-2.20	0.15
Japan Growth	104.90	112.60t	+0.10	
Jap Smlr Co	420.10	448.90	-1.10	
Pac Res	317.50	336.00	-2.20	[illegible]
UK Inc & Gwth	225.15	243.20t	-0.40	2.78
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	152.30	162.00	-0.40	1.66
UK Hi Yld Inc	161.90	171.70	-0.30	4.21
-do- Accum	210.20	222.60	+0.50	4.21
UK Pref & FI Inc	59.75	62.29	-0.05	5.03
Emerging Opps	92.85	98.77	+0.16	0.95
UK Smlr Cos	59.84	63.30	-0.06	0.01
Extra Income Inc	47.05	49.94	-0.01	15.62
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 536				
American	140.80	149.40	-1.10	1.17
Convertibles	21.16	22.48t	-0.07	6.23
Equity Income #	132.30	140.60t	-0.20	3.77
EuroFund	50.27	53.24	-0.17	0.38
Financial	47.64	50.62t	+0.24	1.48
Growth & Inc #	256.30	271.70	-0.50	2.84
High Dist #	165.60	176.00		4.26
International	390.00	414.40	-1.90	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	94.69	101.10t	-0.70	2.72
Latin American	25.30	26.79	-0.31	
Pacific	78.18	83.07t	-0.33	
Pref High Inc	21.24	22.57t	-0.03	7.31
Tokyo	208.60	221.50t	+0.90	
UK Smaller Cos	252.40	268.20	-0.40	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Dlgs	95.97	104.87		1.42
Growth Acc	232.18	247.90	-3.52	0.75
Income	581.47	619.31	-9.11	5.39
Intl & General	399.38	416.77	-15.78	0.15
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	209.40	222.80t		1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	83.37	87.76	+0.28	2.09
Ethical Tst	44.45	46.79	+0.58	1.41
Far Eastern	289.74	304.99	-0.16	1.83
High Income	135.58	142.72	+0.14	4.81
Intl Growth	119.96	126.27	+0.21	0.58
North American	125.84	132.52	+0.46	1.67
Pelican	124.99	131.57t	+0.31	3.41
Smaller Cos	66.57	70.07	-0.20	2.80
Special Sits	87.65	92.26	-0.20	2.84
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.72	199.70	+0.51	1.32
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	193.92	206.30t	-0.04	1.37
Smaller Cos Acc	343.19	365.10t	-0.06	1.37
Recovery	49.09	52.22	-0.01	1.89
Recovery Acc	49.99	53.18	-0.01	1.89
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	86.54	92.80t	+0.02	
Fd of Inv Tsts	40.67	43.59	-0.06	0.59
High Income #	25.85	27.57t	+0.02	10.57
Warrant	50.57	54.97t	+0.33	
Zero Preference	41.45	43.98	+0.06	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	81.42	86.61t	+0.170	3.08
Family Income Tst	44.15	44.15t	+0.060	6.66
Family Trust	89.75	95.47t	+0.210	2.01
United Charities	263.60	280.40t	+0.800	4.74
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.10
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.50	27.58t	+0.04	7.24
Intl Bond	29.28	30.37t	+0.02	5.53
Income Funds				
High Income	24.79	26.08	+0.06	5.54
Income Plus	117.20	124.70	+0.50	4.25
Amer Eq Inc	53.31	56.48	+0.24	1.57
European Income	44.38	47.19	+0.03	3.43
Far East Inc	64.47	68.52	+0.09	2.40
Global Convertible	23.89	25.37	+0.04	2.77
UK Div Gth	27.12	28.84	+0.11	2.25
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.37	64.40t	-0.23	
American	278.10	294.70	-2.20	
Amer Spec Sits	150.40	160.80	-2.80	
Japan Smaller Cos	33.88	36.14	-0.09	
European	191.80	204.00t	-1.40	
European Opps	67.96	72.26	-0.28	
Global Priv	27.34	29.07	-0.04	
UK Growth	102.70	109.20	+0.30	
Growth & Inc	154.50	164.30	+0.50	2.85
Intl PEP	41.27	43.89	+0.20	
Japan Spec Sits	81.14	86.43	+0.09	
Japan	175.10	186.90	+0.50	
Managed Intl	308.50	327.80	+1.80	
Moneybuilder	57.53	61.18	+0.15	
Recovery	49.13	52.24	-0.14	
South E Asia	161.60	172.40t	+1.30	
Special Sits	587.50	624.70	+2.80	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.58	111.59	+0.02	6.10
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	139.30	142.00t		2.30
Inc Pflio #	88.07	89.72	-0.46	3.29
Cap Pflio	147.80	150.30	+0.80	1.51
General Opps	127.70	129.40t		3.59
Growth Inc	32.76	33.51	+0.27	1.38
Private Portfolio	436.10	445.30	..	1.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	120.30	127.40	-0.10	0.61
Emrg Asian	151.10	161.60t	-0.30	
High Income	20.92	22.24	+0.11	10.12
UK Growth	114.50	122.70	-0.10	2.49
UK Income	106.80	113.90	-0.40	4.37
US Smaller Cos	353.80	376.40t	-2.90	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.06	79.98t	+0.21	4.25
Investment Tst	97.12	102.12t	+0.18	
UK Smaller Cos	91.90	96.64	-0.28	0.36
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775611				
American Growth	68.27	72.77	+0.84	
-do- Accum	68.27	72.77	+0.84	
Amer Smllr Cos	574.70	614.70	+4.90	
-do- Accum	587.10	627.90	+4.80	
Capital Tst	332.60	353.70t	-0.10	1.52
-do- Accum	483.10	513.88t	-0.10	1.52
Conti Smllr Cos	58.50	62.38	-0.06	0.68
-do- Accum	61.73	65.82	-0.05	0.66
Convertible	131.20	139.50	-0.10	5.38
-do- Accum	270.30	287.50	-0.05	5.38
Emerging Markets	64.07	68.44	+0.12	
-do- Accum	64.12	68.50	+0.13	
European	124.20	131.60	-0.40	0.43
-do- Accum	130.60	138.30	+0.40	0.43
Extra Income	357.70	380.40	+0.30	3.85
-do- Accum	549.30	584.20	+0.70	3.85
Financial	139.60	149.60t	+0.50	0.73
-do- Accum	147.80	158.40t	+0.60	0.73
Gilt Trust	61.95	63.89t	+0.13	6.28
-do- Accum	91.23	94.08t	-0.18	6.28
Health Fund Inc	189.90	202.80	+1.90	
-do- Accum	189.90	202.60	+1.80	
Income & Growth	206.30	219.40	+0.40	3.61
-do- Accum	318.40	338.60	+0.80	3.61
Intl Growth	386.70	412.90t	+1.90	
-do- Accum	429.40	458.60t	+2.30	
Japan & Gen	171.90	183.30	+0.20	..
-do- Accum	173.80	185.20	+0.30	
Monthly Inc	177.30	188.50t	+0.20	3.67
Managed Port Inc	110.80	116.60	+0.20	2.04
-do- Accum	118.80	125.10	+0.10	2.04
Quarterly Income	53.31	57.14	+0.13	4.47
-do- Accum	58.57	62.76	+0.11	4.47
Recovery	342.40	366.10	+0.50	0.16
-do- Accum	404.20	432.20	+0.70	0.16
UK Growth	58.39	62.40	-0.07	2.44
-do- Accum	61.85	66.12	-0.08	2.44
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	51.64	54.90	-0.37	0.80
FP Am Smllr Cos	149.50	158.80	+3.70	
FP Asian Growth	258.00	275.90	+3.90	
FP Australian	344.30	369.40	+4.60	
FP Equity Dist	405.80	431.60	-1.20	2.69
-do- Accum	869.10	924.50	-2.70	2.69
FP Euro Gth	232.60	247.40	+0.70	0.21
-do- Accum	252.80	268.90	+0.80	0.21
FP Intl Bond	59.46	62.92	+0.01	4.80
FP Intl Gth Dist	34.12	36.41	-0.09	0.53
-do- Accum	49.48	52.80	-0.12	0.53
FP Pac Basn Acc	204.60	218.70t	-0.10	
FP Income	56.51	60.27	-0.80	4.63
-do- Accum	186.30	198.70	+2.60	4.63
FP Jap Smlr Cos	295.80	315.50	+4.30	
FP Monthly Dist	72.20	77.05t	+0.48	5.66
FP Stg Deposit	100.40	100.40t		6.25
FP Tokyo	77.70	82.87	+1.52	
FP UK Focus	36.85	39.62t	+0.36	2.80
FP UK Growth	181.20	193.20	+2.00	2.75
-do- Accum	355.80	379.50	+4.20	2.75
Stewardship Dist	361.40	384.40	-0.40	1.90
-do- Accum	446.30	474.70	-0.50	1.90
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	73.95	78.66	-0.10	3.71
-do- Accum	97.58	103.80	-0.10	3.71
N Am Stshp Dist	109.80	116.80	+1.70	0.89
-do- Accum	117.40	124.80	+1.90	0.89
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	113.40	120.60	-2.20	1.10
Open Cap Gth Acc	126.30	133.70	-0.60	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.10	115.00	-0.60	2.21
Cap Gth Inc Acc	111.80	118.90	+0.50	2.24
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	113.70	120.90	+0.43	3.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.00	125.50	+0.20	3.32
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 1067				
CANDA	258.30	273.10	+0.80	2.26
Cash	49.80	50.55	-0.01	5.26
Growth Portfolio	79.08	83.82	-0.33	0.98
Income Portfolio	65.32	68.97	-0.30	4.47
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	204.40	216.80	+1.20	1.55
Dividend	91.28	97.63	-0.55	3.83
Int Gth & Inc	229.10	245.00	-0.30	3.17
UK & Gen	46.33	49.55	-0.03	2.12
Fund of Funds	66.87	71.57t	-0.24	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	204.10	218.30	-1.70	
European	605.50	647.30	-5.40	0.42
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	49.53	52.75t	-0.17	5.15
-do- Accum	53.91	57.42	-0.19	5.13
Far East & Gen	248.90	266.20	-0.20	
German	119.60	126.60t	-3.90	
High Yield #	49.91	51.70		8.22
-do- Accum #	50.55	53.44		8.22
Income Inc	165.50	177.00	+2.60	4.44
-do- Accum	182.60	195.30	-0.70	4.44
International	344.30	368.30	-1.50	0.15
Intl Income	85.55	91.70	-3.16	3.33
Japan & General	417.00	443.80	-0.90	
Korean Securities	70.13	75.01	-0.39	
Orient Acc	135.00	144.40	-0.60	0.24
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.24	48.39	-0.21	4.17
-do- Accum	49.95	53.43	-0.24	4.17
UK Capital Inc	178.80	191.30	-0.90	1.49
UK Capital Acc	315.10	337.00	+1.30	1.49
UK Spec Sits	91.19	97.52t	-0.19	1.33
US & General	161.80	171.70	+1.00	
Wwide Spec Sits	146.90	157.20	-0.40	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.81	57.58	-0.17	1.84
Cast Trust	140.66	148.66	-0.02	6.00
Practical Inv Inc #	115.94	124.00t	-0.44	2.76
-do- Accum #	272.09	291.01t	-1.04	2.76
UK Index	161.04	161.85t	-0.59	2.97
UK Smaller Cos	146.07	156.17t	+0.30	0.59
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	23.75	24.61t	-0.04	8.49
High Income	33.74	36.09	+0.13	5.24
UK Equity Income	144.82	154.89	-0.92	2.81
Global Bond	28.79	30.87t	-0.02	5.12
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.70	45.67	-0.42	
Global Managed	136.25	145.08t	-0.44	1.52
Gold & Intl Res	100.63	107.63	-2.72	
Global Utilities	138.05	147.50	-0.35	1.48
Overseas Funds				
American	168.67	180.00	-1.13	0.89
European	114.28	121.13	-0.63	0.57
Euro Sel Opps	171.19	181.58	+0.85	
Asian Emerging	132.67	141.79	+0.45	
Hong Kong	143.14	153.20	-1.36	1.98
Japan	223.88	237.57	-0.32	
Pacific Growth	218.46	235.09	+0.25	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	228.92	228.92t	+0.75	2.14
Long Term Bal	250.37	250.37t	+0.56	3.14
Med Term Bal	210.54	210.54t	+0.41	3.30
UK Equity	263.65	263.65	+1.00	2.52
UK Emerging Cos	153.66	153.66	-0.41	2.04
American	274.46	274.46t	+1.56	1.13
Japan	118.01	118.01t	+0.69	
European	297.23	297.23t	+1.14	0.98
Index Linked Gilt	177.26	177.26	-0.15	2.73
Fixed Interest	164.68	164.68	+0.04	8.53
Amer Emergng	319.46	319.46t	+2.18	
Pacific	235.63	235.63	-0.82	0.74
Emerging Mkts	115.04	115.04	-0.85	0.76
Index Stall Japan	139.77	139.77	+0.72	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	182.23	182.23	+0.86	1.43
-do- Cntl Europe	163.81	163.81	+0.86	2.01
Index Stall USA	159.16	159.16	+0.94	1.93
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.88	114.77	+0.38	.
Med Term Bal	100.13	106.52	+0.21	
Long Term Bal	112.52	119.71	+0.25	
UK Equity	122.00	129.79	+0.49	
UK Emerging Cos	72.03	76.63	-0.20	
American	127.08	135.19	+0.77	
Japan	56.53	60.14	-0.35	
European	123.56	131.44	+0.50	
Fixed Interest	83.71	89.05	+0.02	
Index Linked Gilt	78.74	83.77	-0.07	.
Deposit	83.35	88.67	+0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	146.61	154.33t	+0.23	0.55
Brcifd Gth Port Inc	66.56	70.25t	+0.32	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.46	62.75t	+1.21	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	56.94	59.94	+1.25	0.10
Shaw Utilities	66.22	69.89	+0.08	2.58
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	582.68	619.87		2.24
-do- Accum	648.05	689.42		2.24
European Inc	157.42	167.36	+0.91	1.29
Amalgam Inc	150.76	159.70	-1.36	
N America Inc	341.04	362.81	.	0.73
Far East Inc	356.10	378.83		
-do- Accum	368.81	392.35		
UK Divid Inc	187.88	199.87		3.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	97.38	104.14t	+0.63	4.40
UK Small Cos	58.11	62.14t	+0.03	0.96
British Growth	62.40	66.72	+0.49	2.59
American Gwth	227.41	243.21	+6.39	
Japan Gwth	63.77	68.19	-0.03	
Greater China	180.27	192.79	+1.82	0.44
Pacific Strategy	147.39	157.62	-0.17	0.33
European Gwth	92.80	99.07t		0.73
Intl Growth	156.58	167.43	+2.04	
US Index (£)	15.7788	16.6255	-0.0896	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	80.80	86.41	+0.28	2.33
Monthly Income	40.04	42.73t	+0.02	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Eml UK Index (£)	12.4581	13.1521	-0.1173	4.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.55	101.65		1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9888				
European	512.30	547.30	+0.80	0.50
Gilt & Fixed	127.60	135.30		5.80
Growth Equity	371.40	396.70	+1.30	1.57
Income Trust	143.30	153.00	+0.20	3.24
International	190.70	203.70t	+1.00	0.19
Japan Trust	120.90	129.10	+1.30	
Nth American	307.50	328.50t	-2.80	
Pacific	534.20	570.70t	-1.20	0.13
Goodhill	557.10	595.10	+1.80	1.61
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	105.13	109.13	-0.31	8.68
Global High Inc	100.51	104.35	-0.17	6.69
Corporate Bond	102.77	106.68	+0.15	6.90
Eqty & Bond Inc	107.07	113.85t	+0.19	4.83
European Growth	109.94	116.89	-0.15	.
Intl PEP Trust	63.88	67.92	+0.70	
Equity Inc	128.02	136.11	-1.45	3.82
-do- Accum	179.90	191.28	-2.02	3.82
Recovery	353.20	375.50t	-0.90	1.98
-do- Accum	413.90	440.10	-1.00	1.98
St Vinc High Inc	129.30	138.22	+0.19	6.66
Un Emerg Cos	262.40	279.00	+0.80	2.05
UK Smlr Cos	358.90	385.20	+0.70	2.68
Glob Pvtv Tst	94.60	100.58t	+0.56	1.45
-do- Accum	96.37	102.46	+0.43	1.45
Inc Share Tst	89.75	95.43	+0.16	7.80
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	28.86	30.60	+0.09	1.91
Growth Acc	29.23	30.99	-0.09	1.91
Income	28.96	30.70t	+0.04	3.94
Income Acc	29.66	31.45	+0.03	3.94
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Pflio	215.50	228.40	-0.50	2.54
Smaller Cos	33.34	35.47	+0.09	1.35
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	330.28	353.39	+0.70	1.33
Best of British	66.60	71.00	+0.27	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	135.85	146.03	-0.72	1.70
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	286.80	307.56	+0.69	3.32
-do- Accum #	789.20	840.46	+1.89	3.32
High Income	325.75	348.22t	-0.85	4.50
Extra Income #	284.95	303.04t	+0.62	5.10
Pref & Bond	46.98	48.44t	-0.02	8.50
International				
International	284.38	302.70t	-0.76	0.41
Global Bond	54.95	58.32t	-0.58	5.46
Intl Port Tst	88.16	94.29	+0.41	0.59
Global Tech	234.41	251.21t	+4.78	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	173.88	185.94	-0.12	0.63
European	521.12	552.47t	+1.16	0.71
European Income #	83.37	88.24	-0.01	1.95
Euro Smlr Cos	160.09	171.77t	+0.65	0.64
Eur Sp Sits	76.51	81.76t	+0.14	1.09
-do- Accum	81.96	87.58	+0.15	1.09
Japan Trust	209.66	223.61	+1.75	
Japan Special Sits	206.98	220.83t	+0.65	
Pacific Smlr Cos	225.67	241.46t	+0.36	0.09
North American	255.66	280.15	-1.56	0.30
American Smaller	131.74	140.83t	+0.47	.
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	109.05	114.19	+1.46	1.94
Capital	185.68	194.43	+2.42	1.45
Dollar	422.84	442.76t	-6.96	
Enterprise Gth	365.65	382.88	+5.86	1.33
European	243.19	254.65	+1.80	0.42
Far East	312.88	327.62	+9.80	
Financial	913.72	956.78t	+17.77	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.63	26.65t	+0.15	6.94
High Yield	107.78	112.86	+1.39	3.80
Income & Growth	151.27	158.40t	+1.94	3.15
International	272.12	284.95	+4.53	0.03
Japanese General	199.88	209.30	+0.93	
Japan Tech	87.16	91.27	-0.35	0.09
Nat Resources	75.38	79.93t	+1.83	
Portfolio	77.93	81.60t	+1.19	1.37
Smaller Cos	144.26	151.06t	-3.32	1.10
Special Sits	175.17	183.42	+4.57	1.07
UK Emerging Cos	102.67	107.51	-0.56	0.92
US Smaller Cos	114.72	120.12	+0.47	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	106.30	113.56t	-0.20	5.93
Capital	643.00	686.20t	-2.10	2.25
Income #	600.90	641.30	-1.10	5.22
Footsie Fund	58.83	59.13	-0.23	2.79
Totals Index	113.70	120.30	-0.10	2.08
UK Index	149.20	159.20	+0.50	2.91
International Funds				
American Growth	529.40	562.90	+4.20	0.38
American Index	238.45	253.00	+1.40	1.33
European Growth	119.70	127.60	-0.30	0.16
Eurotrack 100	172.60	183.30	-0.80	1.05
Global Bond	22.39	23.63	-0.06	5.24
Japan Growth	270.90	288.90t	+1.00	
Japan Index	74.21	79.20	+0.43	0.21
Japan Smlr Cos	30.04	32.06	-0.14	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	58.91	61.91	-0.14	0.29
Hong Kong Gwth	112.70	120.30	-1.09	1.32
Singe & Mlysn Gth	73.05	77.99	-0.13	
Tiger Index	196.30	209.50t	-0.20	1.09
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	39.10	40.54		1.03
General Funds				
Managed	77.56	80.21		1.16
Rupert Child Fnd	91.39	95.52		2.30
UK Growth	54.72	57.28		2.30
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	82.82	86.03		[illegible]
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.52	27.72		7.81
UK Inc & Gwth	42.72	44.13		[illegible]
UK Income	336.70	352.00t		5.12
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.38	56.40t		0.32
Amer Smllr Cos	131.00	135.22		
-do- Accum	129.90	[illegible]		
Europe Gth	179.20	185.30		
-do- Accum	186.30	193.30		
Euro Smaller Cos	33.47	34.79t		
French Growth	82.61	83.73		0.37
-do- Accum	88.12	89.82		0.37
H Kong & China	33.05	35.83		[illegible]
Intl Growth	60.73	62.91t		1.58
-do- Accum	60.99	63.30		1.55
Japan Gth	30.01	31.27		
-do- Accum	29.39	31.07		
Japan Smaller Cos	37.44	38.92t		
Glob Emg Mkts	51.04	54.64		
-do- Accum	31.23	[illegible]		
SE Asia	313.70	326.10		3.07
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.66	57.36		3.35
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Ecrof Value Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.03
Ecrof Value Gwth	[illegible]	100.00		2.07
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
[illegible] Health	187.50	199.40	-1.50	
Income	179.91	191.39	-0.30	3.79
UK Growth	68.61	72.99	-0.02	0.46
International	79.47	84.36		0.57
Ecology	89.47	95.17t	-0.12	1.13
European	142.91	152.02	-0.77	
Far Eastern	295.30	314.10	-3.40	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	97.90	101.30	-1.20	7.59
Gilt Yield	116.40	122.99	+0.20	6.92
Global Income	217.00	230.90	-3.70	2.75
High Yield	142.80	151.90	-1.60	5.88
-do- Accum	450.90	479.70	+5.30	5.88
Smllr Cos Div	55.05	58.56	-0.22	2.88
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	113.10	120.30	-0.90	
Asian Growth	311.00	330.50	-0.90	0.25
-do- Accum	365.50	388.80	-1.00	0.25
North American	90.30	96.06	+1.11	0.25
European Special	119.30	126.80	+1.70	0.10
European	159.40	169.60	+1.10	0.46
-do- Accum	210.10	223.50	-1.50	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	109.00	115.70	+0.50	2.23
Japan	397.10	422.40	-3.70	
Japanese Special	224.70	239.00	-0.10	
Smaller Cos	122.20	130.00	-3.10	1.14
UK Equity Growth	42.53	45.24	-0.05	1.63
UK Index Inc	302.80	305.96	+1.00	3.75
Bircham Tst	98.18	105.70		2.84
-do- Accum	98.18	105.70		2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	269.39	286.58t	-0.12	5.37
Inc & Growth Inc	59.32	62.04	+0.08	4.40
Smaller Cos	65.38	69.45t	-0.03	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	264.30	281.10		1.91
High Income	110.00	117.00		4.44
International	98.88	104.90		0.57
Recovery Trust	70.23	74.71t		1.49
European Trust	80.03	85.13		0.89
Japanese Trust	39.27	41.77		
American Trust	97.33	103.50t		
Managed	67.60	71.91		0.68
Cash	51.14	51.14		5.00
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	400.50	424.90	-1.40	2.41
UK Inc/Gth	429.00	455.20	+1.10	3.07
UK Income	300.20	318.50	-0.40	3.77
UK Sm Cos	260.80	278.90	-0.10	1.77
Euro Gwth	138.60	146.70t	+0.20	
N Amer Gwth	102.20	108.50t	+0.30	0.22
Japan Growth	60.41	64.10t		
Money Mkt	127.355	127.355		0.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	516.20	549.10	+1.80	2.66
-do- Accum	£10.42	£11.08	+4.00	2.66
Equity Income #	101.20	107.70	-0.10	4.42
UK Tactical Allocn	60.86	64.63t	+0.48	4.37
European	126.60	134.70	+1.20	1.86
Far Eastern	215.50	229.30t	-3.20	
Fixed Interest	52.20	55.51t	+0.10	7.40
Gilt	88.53	93.88t	+0.02	6.54
Global Growth	76.28	81.15	+1.04	0.36
Intl Bond	54.06	57.39	+0.03	4.69
Japanese	73.73	78.31t	-0.94	
North American	171.60	182.50	-2.20	0.42
Pacific Growth	107.00	113.80t	-1.30	0.27
UK Index	67.68	71.41t	+0.25	3.14
UK Recovery	100.80	107.20t		1.97
UK Smaller Cos	137.30	146.10	+0.10	1.47
US Index	71.32	75.27	+0.50	1.47
European Index	80.27	84.72	-0.28	2.17
Japan Index	38.24	40.36	+0.22	
Worldwide	88.44	94.09	+0.33	1.57
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 821				
Growth	52.59	56.25	+0.10	2.10
Income	61.46	65.73	+0.17	3.09
Far East	50.91	54.46	+0.14	
North American	124.80	133.30	+2.00	
Global	102.10	109.20	+0.80	0.18
European	88.53	94.68	+0.80	0.68
Japan	98.42	105.30t	+0.60	
Intl Currency Bd	60.74	64.42t	-0.07	4.33
SE Asia	98.60	105.50	+0.20	
UK Cap Growth	95.56	102.20t	+0.20	1.62
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	366.10	391.60	+0.70	2.72
-do- Accum	848.00	902.20	+1.80	2.72
Condl Euro Gth	68.01	71.59	+0.47	1.41
-do- Accum	72.68	76.51	+0.51	1.41
Extra Inc	272.20	289.80	+0.50	4.10
-do- Accum	719.80	765.80	+1.10	4.10
FTSE 100 Inc	108.30	115.30	+0.50	2.55
FTSE 100 Acc	110.20	117.30	+0.40	2.55
German Gth	131.40	139.40	-0.60	
-do- Accum	137.80	145.10	-0.60	
Growth Port	580.40	617.50t	+1.30	0.10
-do- Accum	597.60	635.80	+1.80	0.10
High Interest Inc	95.31	98.77	-0.16	7.96
High Interest Acc	95.31	98.77	+0.16	7.96
Hi Reserve Inc #	104.30	111.00	+0.10	6.55
Hi Reserve Acc #	107.00	113.90	+0.20	6.55
Income	509.90	542.50t	-0.90	3.60
-do- Accum	£14.16	£15.07	+3.00	3.60
Income Port	529.70	562.50t	+1.10	4.61
-do- Accum	576.30	613.10	-1.20	4.60
Japan Growth	105.20	112.00	-1.60	
-do- Accum	105.60	112.40	-1.60	
Master Trust	61.49	65.42	+0.96	1.27
-do- Accum	69.86	74.32	-1.08	1.27
N American Gen	208.00	221.30	-1.40	0.72
-do- Accum	240.90	255.90	+1.70	0.72
NAm Sm Co Rec	162.20	172.60	+2.10	..
-do- Accum	165.60	176.20	+2.20	
Pacific Basin	251.80	267.90	-0.70	0.52
-do- Accum	267.60	284.70	+0.80	0.52
Small Cos Rec	427.60	450.20t	+12.50	1.90
-do- Accum	582.50	613.20t	+17.20	1.90
UK Growth	93.08	99.04	+1.67	2.19
-do- Accum	114.50	121.90	+1.90	2.19
Worldwide Gth	329.00	350.00	+5.40	
-do- Accum	485.40	516.40	+8.10	.
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	75.42	80.85	+0.26	0.40
General	96.30	103.32	+0.31	2.40
Income	62.69	72.65t	+0.04	5.30
International	67.03	71.91	+0.29	0.50
Japan	54.73	58.72	+0.34	
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.71	74.79t	+0.23	1.50
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	444.70	470.30	+4.60	0.43
-do- Accum	555.10	587.10	+5.80	0.43
Amer Recovery	492.90	521.20t	+3.30	0.45
-do- Accum	567.80	600.50t	+3.80	0.45
Amer Smllr Cos	139.00	147.00	+0.70	...
-do- Accum	142.90	150.20	+0.70	
Australasian	156.40	165.40	-0.20	2.57
-do- Accum	193.00	204.20	-0.10	2.57
Capital	887.10	938.10	-1.20	2.84
-do- Accum	1028.90	1088.00	-1.40	2.84
Charifund	734.30	741.50	-2.10	5.80
-do- Accum	3537.40	3572.80	-9.70	5.80
Commodity	394.10	416.80	-4.50	0.54
-do- Accum	589.40	623.30	+6.70	0.54
Compound Gth	1018.60	1077.40t	-2.70	2.83
-do- Accum	1096.10	1159.10t	-2.80	2.83
Dividend	43.40	45.90	-0.20	4.29
-do- Accum	185.30	195.70	-0.50	4.29
Equity Income	346.10	366.00	-0.20	4.86
-do- Accum	459.40	485.70	-0.20	4.86
Euro & General	531.40	562.00	+3.40	1.23
-do- Accum	677.30	716.20	+4.40	1.23
Euro Dividend	73.70	77.90	-0.50	3.93
-do- Accum	90.90	96.30	-0.50	3.93
Extra Yield	435.00	460.00t	-1.60	4.99
-do- Accum	1408.60	1489.90t	-5.10	4.99
Far Eastern	340.90	360.50	-2.10	0.52
-do- Accum	454.70	480.80	-2.80	0.52
Fund of Inv Tsts	640.80	677.90	-2.40	1.89
-do- Accum	1225.10	1278.50	-4.50	1.89
General	64.60	68.30	-0.20	3.26
-do- Accum	184.20	194.70	+0.50	3.26
Gilt Income	60.31	60.49	+0.24	7.32
-do- Accum	172.17	172.81	+0.67	7.32
Gold	63.00	66.80	-1.30	1.53
-do- Accum	74.70	79.00	-1.30	1.53
High Income	32.90	[illegible]	+0.10	4.59
-do- Accum	125.50	134.10	-0.40	4.59
Intl Growth	80.30	85.10	-0.70	0.92
-do- Accum	141.40	149.60	-1.20	0.92
International Inc	101.70	107.30	-1.40	4.16
-do- Accum	156.50	165.50t	-2.60	4.16
Japan & Gen	39.50	41.90	+0.20	
-do- Accum	42.50	45.20	+0.20	
Japan Smllr Cos	139.10	147.10t	-0.20	
-do- Accum	140.20	148.20	-0.20	
Managed Gwth	24.50	25.90	-0.10	1.76
Managed Income	22.50	23.80t	-0.10	4.14
Midland	62.30	65.90t		3.57
-do- Accum	295.90	312.90t		3.57
Pension Ex	958.80	1013.60t	+2.20	4.25
Recovery	44.40	46.90	-0.10	1.85
-do- Accum	73.80	78.20	-0.20	1.85
Second General	72.30	76.50	-0.20	3.71
-do- Accum	189.70	200.70	-0.50	3.71
Smaller Cos	71.30	75.40	-0.20	3.14
-do- Accum	143.20	151.50	-0.40	3.14
Sterling Hi Inc	24.56	24.75t	-0.01	6.13
Treasury	29.09	29.11		[illegible]
Trustee	42.22	44.60t	+0.20	4.49
-do- Accum	176.40	186.60t	+0.80	4.49
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01273 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	85.55	91.01	+0.23	1.40
Intl Bond	66.60	69.68	-0.07	5.54
Intl Equity Growth	76.60	81.35	-0.21	0.74
N Amer Growth	113.44	120.43	-0.45	[illegible]
Special Sits Growth	37.31	39.79	+0.08	2.82
UK Growth	402.76	428.46t	+1.47	2.80
-do- Accum	539.23	573.81	+1.98	2.80
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1345.40	1421.70		3.50
Income #	1006.00	1019.70		4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	156.20	159.10	-0.50	3.53
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	162.80	171.40	+0.29	2.13
-do- Accum	189.40	199.40	+0.29	2.13
UK Sel Pfolio	142.50	150.00	+0.27	2.47
-do- Accum	167.70	176.50	+0.27	2.47
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 384 842				
Managed Tst	70.44	74.94t		3.85
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.72	80.38	+0.21	4.16
European	89.52	94.82	-1.30	1.20
Income #	78.60	83.44	-0.87	4.86
Nth American	75.03	79.65	+0.52	0.58
Far East	166.60	176.90	-3.30	0.16
Japan	56.29	59.86	+0.14	
Emrging Mkt	84.75	90.64	+1.72	0.02
Intl Growth	114.50	121.50t	+0.50	0.93
UK Growth	106.60	113.20	-0.30	1.62
UK Smlr Co	51.24	54.40	+0.03	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	36.96	39.63	+0.78	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	53.75	57.05t	+0.30	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	437.71	485.85t	+1.09	3.41
Global Inc	71.96	76.55t	-0.15	3.85
Brit Leaders	375.43	399.39t	+0.96	1.75
Intl Leaders	208.41	221.71t	+1.12	1.40
PAM Mg Bal Grth	65.78	68.34t	+0.26	0.76
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	222.70	236.50	+2.200	
-do- Accum	238.60	253.80	+2.300	
American Opps	105.50	112.50t	+0.400	
-do- Accum	106.80	113.90t	+0.400	
British Blue Chip	84.69	89.96t	+0.220	2.67
-do- Accum	107.20	113.80t	+0.300	2.67
Cash	100.20	100.20t		6.34
-do- Accum *	142.30	142.30t		6.34
Emerging Mkts	103.50	111.30	+0.200	0.13
-do- Accum	104.20	112.00	+0.300	0.13
European Growth	264.20	280.70	+0.200	0.16
-do- Accum	286.70	304.60	+0.100	0.16
European Income	87.15	92.35	+0.630	3.11
-do- Accum	121.00	128.30	+1.800	3.11
General	538.60	573.10	+0.900	2.16
-do- Accum	1074.00	1143.00	+2.000	2.16
Global Bond	129.50	135.90t	-0.10	5.43
-do- Accum	163.10	171.20t	-0.10	5.43
Gold & General	185.00	209.70	-0.80	0.43
-do- Accum	201.40	216.80	-0.70	0.43
Govt Securities	92.96	95.84	+0.010	8.12
-do- Accum	185.40	197.10	-0.100	8.12
High Yield Bd	99.48	102.90	+0.100	7.10
-do- Accum	99.48	102.90	+0.100	7.10
Income	164.70	174.90	+0.300	4.05
-do- Accum	353.50	379.80	-0.800	4.05
Inc Portfolio #	102.40	108.60t	-0.100	4.83
-do- Accum #	107.00	113.58t	+0.100	4.83
Intl Opps	476.80	506.60	+1.800	0.17
-do- Accum	638.60	681.40	+2.400	0.17
Japan	161.70	171.50	+0.900	
-do- Accum	166.00	176.10	+1.000	
New Europe	193.70	206.60	+1.400	0.97
-do- Accum	199.70	213.00	+1.400	0.97
Pacific	110.40	117.80	-0.20	0.87
-do- Accum	118.50	126.40	-0.30	0.87
Recovery	328.50	350.40t	+3.400	0.74
-do- Accum	425.90	454.30t	+4.500	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	58.50	62.40	+1.100	0.83
-do- Accum	66.79	71.24	+1.360	0.83
Portfolio	85.03	90.25t	-0.100	2.56
-do- Accum	102.40	108.60t	+0.200	2.56
Managed Grth	104.60	109.50	+0.300	1.74
Managed Inc	110.10	114.90	+0.300	3.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Euroglowth Plus	124.41	132.35	+0.03	0.18
Portfolio	70.77	75.29	+0.23	1.59
UK Income Inc	81.23	86.42	+0.26	5.03
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	82.77	85.73t	+0.20	2.93
-do- Accum	68.03	71.23t	+0.21	2.93
British Tst	93.84	98.26	+0.48	1.93
-do- Accum	110.10	115.20	+0.59	1.93
Extra High Inc	68.20	71.41t	-0.11	6.51
-do- Accum	137.80	144.20t	+0.30	6.50
FT-SE 100 Acc	60.58	63.43	+0.24	2.61
FT-SE 100 Dist	58.76	61.53	+0.24	2.61
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.22	57.46	-0.04	6.82
-do- Accum	166.40	173.10	-0.10	6.92
High Yield	229.00	239.80	+0.50	8.03
-do- Accum	588.80	616.50	+1.40	8.03
Income	297.40	311.40	+0.70	3.95
-do- Accum	668.80	700.30	+1.60	3.95
Money Market UT	49.73	49.73	+0.01	5.52
-do- Accum	79.80	79.80	-0.01	5.52
Monthly Income	87.96	91.69t	-0.15	4.96
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	115.10	122.40	+0.60	1.80
European Growth	108.10	114.50	-1.10	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	91.56	97.11	+0.02	5.71
Income	91.06	96.87	+0.17	2.64
Japan Growth	48.49	52.46	-0.48	
Managed	[illegible]	78.41	-0.60	2.24
Money Market	90.14	95.65	+0.01	4.23
North American	96.89	102.70	-0.30	0.44
Midland FSAVC Unit Trust				
British	104.30	113.60	+0.50	1.59
European Growth	101.60	107.70	-1.00	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	86.97	92.13	-0.07	5.71
Income	93.32	98.22	-0.12	2.70
Japan Growth	49.22	52.24	-0.46	
Managed	71.12	75.66	-0.23	2.20
Money Market	83.15	88.16	-0.02	4.17
North American	87.70	92.96	-0.29	0.53
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.20	113.30	-0.53	1.58
European Growth	99.76	105.10	-1.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.07	94.92	-0.05	5.81
Income	87.81	93.42	-0.16	2.74
Japan Growth	50.39	53.41	-0.49	
Managed	73.68	78.60	-0.24	2.21
Money Market	77.52	82.17	-0.01	4.24
North American	97.95	103.80	-0.30	0.40
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.53	15.46		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	415.10	441.20	-2.90	
European Gth Inc	568.70	610.90	-0.70	
-do- Accum	574.98	617.60	-0.60	
Intl Gwth	282.10	299.20	-2.90	
UK Equity Inc	201.20	214.20t	-0.40	2.99
UK Ind Tdr Inc	173.23	185.20	+0.60	2.71
-do- Accum	208.48	222.80	-0.70	2.71
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	233.30	249.20t	+1.00	1.11
Japan Tracker	70.15	74.28	+0.57	
Asian Tiger	209.20	223.20t	+0.10	0.29
Managed Inc	168.13	179.50	-0.50	2.16
Deposit Inc	100.62	100.80t	-0.01	6.32
Eastern	244.00	254.10	-2.80	
Genesis	178.72	191.86	-0.60	1.66
High Income	21.21	22.50t	-0.02	10.90
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 932				
Acumen	98.87	101.80t	-0.10	2.53
Acumen Inc	92.11	94.22t	+0.15	2.53
Acumen Reserve	88.56	89.43t	+3.31	6.32
-do- Inc	72.57	73.37t	-0.36	6.32
American Emrg	57.76	59.62	-0.07	
Cash Income	50.65	50.15	+0.01	5.83
Equity Income #	98.09	100.60		4.85
European	74.22	78.73	+0.12	0.43
Smaller Cos	84.93	89.70	-0.43	1.32
Wrwide Eqty	85.22	89.90	-0.35	0.39
Global Bond	45.64	46.19	-0.07	6.57
UK Growth	100.90	108.60	-0.30	2.15
Pacific Growth	126.30	130.20	-0.30	0.70
Japan Growth	87.17	92.78	-0.25	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 818				
Auto Equity	151.53	159.99	+0.35	2.57
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5522				
UK Growth	72.87	[illegible]	-0.22	2.16
UK Income	119.50	122.89	+0.28	3.90
Higher Income	[illegible]	80.87	+0.43	5.27
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	95.25t	+2.27	1.87
International	157.25	167.50t	+0.43	1.62
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.70	0.30
European Gth	[illegible]	134.40	+0.60	0.20
Far East Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.60	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.29	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.30	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.60	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.20	2.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.45
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.50	3.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.09	3.29
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.28	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.14	3.29
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.27	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.32	2.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.59
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 550 000				
American Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.91
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Managed Tst Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.42	
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pers Inc Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Res Global Inc	75.25	84.54	-0.22	1.62
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	104.50	110.62		2.31
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.51	1.41
UK Equity	[illegible]	157.22	-0.49	3.06
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.14	3.39
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	122.09	-0.33	1.73
UK Equity Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.29	2.35
UK Index Trckg	151.95	159.82	-3.59	2.69
Intl Index Trckg	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.98	1.13
International	[illegible]	261.37t	-0.72	0.54
European	217.19	228.52	+0.43	0.29
Far Eastern	146.32	154.65	-0.29	1.32
Nth American	199.82	210.35	+2.95	0.21
N Amer Smllr Cos	212.55	224.73	-0.70	
Japanese	87.22	91.61	-0.19	
Pacific	227.15	239.10	-0.57	0.58
South East Asia	209.04	220.57t	+0.88	0.77
Intl Bond	139.95	147.19	-0.23	4.25
Gilt & Convertible	107.19	112.83	+1.16	9.17
Property	78.55	82.68	+0.05	6.81
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	254.97	273.60	-1.30	0.42
-do- Accum	289.76	309.50	-1.30	0.42
Japan Inc	98.07	104.60t	+1.30	
Nth American Inc	114.20	122.30	-0.80	0.32
Worldwide Inc	162.50	174.80t	+0.80	0.39
Hong Kong Inc	147.20	157.99	+2.00	1.62
Swiss Equities Inc	82.36	88.02	+0.80	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	64.65	65.39t	-0.28	5.16
Emrgng Asia Inc	235.60	253.50	-0.60	0.14
-do- Accum	206.30	224.30	-0.70	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.58	50.58		6.34
Thailand Inc	163.00	176.90	-0.40	1.29
Gold Trust Inc	69.56	75.84	-0.17	0.19
New Zealand Inc	96.37	105.60t	+0.50	1.82
Inc Mngd PEP Inc	64.73	69.01	+0.08	1.48
Latin Am Cap Inc	55.09	59.72	+0.98	0.32
UK Alt Sk Mkr Inc	63.76	68.38	+0.24	2.52
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	80.74	86.36	-0.26	
Global Portfolio	72.56	77.60	+0.15	
Global Opps	65.95	70.53	+0.03	...
Marsh Global Grth	64.26	68.14	+1.62	..
AAM Global Equity	55.22	58.53	-0.02	2.13
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	99.81	106.50	-0.20	
Temple Equity Inc	44.99	49.03	+0.22	2.31
Hartley Growth	89.81	95.54	-0.46	
Intl Growth Inc	88.80	94.97t	-0.03	1.01
IPS Portfolio Inc	86.53	82.55	+0.17	.
St Jms Mn Int Inc	47.30	49.23		
Premier Perkins Inc	67.77	72.48	-0.03	1.80
Roxburgh Stall Gth	73.75	78.88	+0.14	0.47
Slater Gwth	110.80	117.70t	+0.20	
Rosebery Growth	50.53	54.39		0.58
International Stall	78.04	83.46	-0.09	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	57.09	61.80	-0.24	
Coverdale Topout	50.69	54.74	+0.12	
Prem Equity Inc	110.86	121.00	+0.60	
Lowes Hill Growth	48.54	51.09	-0.01	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 826 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	255.20	271.50	+0.30	2.86
-do- Accum	545.70	580.50	+0.60	2.86
Growth	165.40	174.00	-0.10	2.84
Income	247.90	263.70t	-0.30	3.73
Intl Equity	260.50	277.40t	-1.40	0.78
-do- Accum	290.30	308.80	-1.40	0.78
UK Income	69.05	73.45	-0.07	3.21
UK Intl 25	84.60	89.99	-0.16	2.13
New Europe	86.19	91.69	+0.08	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	626.01	669.54t	+1.54	0.55
-do- Accum	627.67	671.31	+1.54	0.55
Income	398.74	426.48t	+0.68	3.10
Wwide Recovery	408.52	436.90	+1.33	0.48
Amer Growth Inc	252.17	269.71	+3.18	0.01
-do- Accum	252.17	269.71	+3.18	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	251.96	269.48	-1.70	0.13
Far East Gwth Inc	279.72	298.17	-0.20	0.39
-do- Accum	279.72	299.17	-0.20	0.39
Euro Gwth Inc	161.93	173.19	+1.56	0.15
-do- Accum	162.34	173.63	+1.58	0.15
UK Growth Inc	102.32	109.44	+0.16	2.67
-do- Accum	107.65	115.14	-0.17	2.67
High Income	106.24	113.63	-0.18	3.85
Jap Gwth Inc	199.52	212.60	-0.30	0.01
-do- Accum	199.52	213.60	-0.30	0.01
PEP Growth	128.21	137.13	-1.44	0.83
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	125.69	134.43	-0.18	0.33
-do- Accum	125.69	134.43	-0.18	0.33
Amer Smlr Co Inc	162.63	173.94	+2.27	0.01
-do- Accum	162.63	173.94	+2.27	0.01
Global Bond	86.15	89.13t	+0.01	5.84
UK Smaller Cos Inc	90.13	96.40	-1.18	1.68
-do- Accum	94.83	101.43	-1.25	1.68
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	113.70	120.96	-0.97	.
European	79.21	84.27	+0.27	
Global	64.93	69.12	+0.39	
Pacific	56.46	60.08t	-0.67	
UK Inc & Grth	69.63	74.07t	-0.13	2.24
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	174.26	184.40	+0.61	0.65
Emrg Mkts	45.40	48.04	-0.06	1.08
High Income #	52.71	55.78	+0.14	5.83
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.39	72.49	+0.08	2.80
Growth Income	71.10	75.36	-0.47	3.31
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	153.94	162.77	+0.54	1.86
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	103.50	110.30	+1.60	3.51
Conv & Gilt	113.80	121.00	-2.00	8.06
European Income	75.87	80.71	-0.47	3.23
Extra Income	165.00	175.60t	-1.60	4.94
-do- Accum	207.70	221.00	-2.00	4.94
Far East	386.10	410.70t	-6.50	0.29
-do- Accum	394.80	420.00	-6.70	0.29
Global Income	26.71	28.44	-0.05	4.40
High Income	124.60	132.70t	-1.20	4.11
-do- Accum	154.30	164.00	-1.50	4.11
International	197.00	209.60t	-3.30	0.78
-do- Accum	203.80	216.80	-3.50	0.76
Pref & Fxd Int	42.79	45.52t	-0.03	7.40
Recovery	76.99	81.90	-1.64	2.62
Special Sits	121.70	129.50	+2.36	1.62
-do- Accum	132.60	141.00	+2.30	1.62
Technology	606.10	644.80	+11.90	
UK Blue Chip	75.33	80.78	-0.23	3.15
-do- Accum	86.66	92.19	-0.76	3.19
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 583 3963				
Equity Gth	213.20	226.80	-0.40	1.35
European Gth	110.70	117.40	+1.30	0.38
Income & Gth #	145.40	154.70	-0.30	3.31
Japan Gth	111.50	118.10	-0.70	
Nth Amer Gth	174.10	185.20	-1.20	0.09
Overseas Gth	105.40	112.10	-0.70	0.29
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	40.22	41.67	+0.08	1.80
Cash Haven Inc	101.78	102.25	+0.01	5.59
Cash Haven Acc	114.59	115.15	+0.01	5.59
Disc Trust Inc	99.57	103.18t	-0.52	6.48
Disc Trust Acc	107.11	110.98t	-0.56	6.48
Global Growth	94.85	100.90	+0.39	1.48
Equity Inc	85.61	91.07	+0.22	3.07
Equity	789.41	839.79t	+2.33	2.25
European	229.74	238.07	-0.81	0.76
High Income	90.02	95.76t	+0.25	9.06
Intl Grth	197.94	210.57	+0.98	0.90
Intl Sm Co	84.58	89.97t	-0.56	0.48
Japanese	201.36	208.66t	+0.83	..
Nth Amer	201.14	209.43	+0.61	1.18
Pacific Mkts	110.61	114.62	-1.96	0.29
Premier Inc	47.87	49.82t	-0.01	6.84
Sm Cos	99.18	105.51	-0.27	1.44
Spec Sits	116.98	124.45	+0.32	2.80
UK Growth	135.11	141.60	-0.36	2.18
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	316.30	335.50t	+0.70	3.73
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	595.38	632.39	+4.46	0.49
FA America (Acc)	696.29	739.58	+5.22	0.49
FA UK Equity Inc	168.76	180.24	+1.08	3.45
FA Japan	234.71	249.67	+1.92	
FA Major UK Cos	103.70	110.59	-0.47	2.31
FA Smlr UK Cos	325.74	354.56t	-0.03	1.28
FA European	350.71	372.94	-1.28	0.48
FA Amer Smllr Cos	53.22	56.99	+0.35	
FA Asia	49.49	53.39	-0.10	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	40.68	43.71	+0.17	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.45	113.10	+0.48	
UK Smllr Cos	95.14	100.14	-0.01	
UK Income	105.03	110.56	+0.05	
America	119.75	126.04	-0.88	
Japanese	51.78	54.50	+0.41	
European	113.05	118.99	+0.40	
Gilt	92.96	97.85	-0.05	
Deposit	86.65	91.21	+0.01	
Managed	105.73	111.29	+0.32	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.52	110.01	+0.46	
UK Smaller Cos	92.81	97.69	-0.01	
UK Income	102.35	107.73	+0.63	
America	116.42	122.54	+0.66	.
Japanese	50.34	52.98	+0.40	
European	110.02	115.80	+0.39	
Gilt	91.56	96.37	-0.03	
Deposit	82.73	87.08	+0.01	
Managed	98.86	104.05	-0.26	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	96.71	103.10	-0.20	
Pacific Basin	73.92	79.52t	-0.17	
High Inc Dist	142.50	152.50	-0.30	4.28
Ryl Life Int Ctry	58.60	62.19	-0.07	2.04
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.33	75.13	-0.37	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.32	69.48	+0.06	
UK Emerging Cos	137.00	148.10	-0.40	1.04
UK Index Trckg	180.30	192.00		3.17
European	143.70	146.70t	-0.40	
Managed	160.30	172.30	-0.30	0.69
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	161.90	172.20	-1.90	1.90
European Growth	118.30	125.80	-1.40	2.49
Far East Growth	134.60	143.30	-0.10	2.65
Japan Growth	122.70	130.50t	+1.30	
Special Sits	222.60	236.80t	+0.80	2.14
UK Growth	85.53	90.98	-0.33	2.20
Triton General	250.40	266.49t	+2.10	1.26
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	157.90	167.70	-0.50	0.13
Gt Euro Prog Inc	347.70	367.90	+0.30	0.13
-do- Accum	548.40	571.80	+0.40	0.13
Growth Inc	140.70	148.90	-0.10	0.21
-do- Accum	144.20	152.80	-0.10	0.21
International Inc	359.30	380.20	-0.40	0.33
-do- Accum	495.30	524.10	-0.60	0.33
Nth Am & Intl Inc	357.10	377.90	+1.80	0.48
UK Gen Prog Inc	235.50	249.20	+0.60	1.24
-do- Accum	265.00	280.40	+0.70	1.24
UK High Inc Inc	138.90	147.00	+0.50	3.78
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	73.74	78.41	-0.87	
Asian Gwth	111.60	118.06	+0.09	0.75
European Gwth	76.63	80.45	+0.23	1.00
Global Bd	60.17	63.62t	+0.28	5.00
Global Eq	61.43	65.34	+0.48	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	55.09	58.60	-0.10	
UK Gwth	72.24	76.84	+0.02	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	[illegible]	84.55t	+0.50	3.52
Amer Smlr Cos	131.30	139.60	+0.80	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.78	44.45	+0.14	
Capital Portfolio	135.90	144.60	-1.90	1.79
Cash	130.00	130.00		6.05
China Dragon	58.97	62.73	-0.47	1.49
Commodity	171.30	179.00	+2.00	
Eastern Discovery	98.14	104.40	-0.20	
Emerging Mkts	36.96	39.26	-0.04	
Energy Inds	127.00	135.10	-1.50	0.18
European Gwth	198.60	211.50	+2.80	0.12
Euro Inc & Gwth #	81.61	86.92	-0.70	1.94
Euro Smllr Cos	80.00	83.83	+0.95	0.06
Extra Income #	53.87	56.70	-0.08	5.61
Financial Secs	242.30	257.80	-3.20	1.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	48.10	50.79	-0.14	6.86
Gold & Exploration	78.28	83.28	+1.66	
High Return #	242.70	258.20	-3.60	3.86
High Yield #	242.30	257.80t	-3.50	3.57
Income #	125.50	133.50	-1.80	4.21
Intl Bond	168.70	178.20	+0.20	5.55
ITU	216.40	230.30t	-1.50	1.05
Japan Growth	161.30	171.60	-1.00	
Japan Smaller	166.50	177.10	+0.10	
Korea	67.71	72.03t	[illegible]	
Masterfund	57.54	61.21	+0.20	0.80
Scotbits	363.50	386.70	+5.00	1.06
Scotshares #	323.10	343.70	+4.00	2.18
Scotyields #	257.10	273.50	+3.30	3.24
Select Intl	142.60	151.70t	+1.40	0.18
Smaller Cos Inc #	254.10	270.30t	-0.20	3.46
SE Asia	51.43	54.71	+1.43	0.22
Special Situation	141.70	150.70	+1.90	1.91
UK Equity #	267.20	284.30	+0.50	2.45
UK Growth	71.68	76.25	+0.11	1.83
UK & O'Seas	177.60	188.90	+0.80	1.27
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	52.87	56.24	-0.08	1.48
US Growth	173.70	184.80	-1.40	0.14
Univ Growth	142.50	151.60	+1.20	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cinc: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	289.53	306.81	+1.58	0.85
-do- Accum	317.04	335.96	-1.73	0.85
European Gwth	81.08	86.08	+0.66	0.86
Euro Smllr Cos	88.56	94.43	+0.25	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	98.62	105.40	+0.19	.
-do- Accum	100.60	107.30	+0.19	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	51.03	53.80	+0.12	7.85
Global Bond #	52.23	53.98	-0.02	6.98
-do- Accum #	56.75	60.71	-0.03	6.96
Global Emer Mkts	50.77	54.15t	+0.01	
-do- Accum	50.82	54.20t	+0.01	
Income #	369.83	394.48	+0.12	5.06
-do- Accum #	612.02	652.82	+0.37	5.06
Japan Smllr Cos	420.89	449.05	-1.98	
-do- Accum	421.83	449.95	-1.97	
Japan Enterprise	66.51	70.94t	+0.40	...
Pacific Gwth	135.09	144.09	+0.01	0.37
-do- Accum	139.45	148.74	+0.01	0.37
Portfolio	86.05	91.78	+0.25	1.96
-do- Accum	94.08	100.35	+0.27	1.96
Seoul	51.80	55.25	-0.50	
-do- Accum	51.80	55.25	-0.50	
Smaller Cos	245.55	261.92	-0.52	1.25
Tokyo	116.71	124.49	+0.13	
-do- Accum	117.89	125.75	+0.13	
UK Enterprise	295.50	315.20	+0.57	2.01
-do- Accum	357.11	380.91	+0.69	2.01
UK Equity	283.80	291.38	+0.15	2.78
-do- Accum	519.53	554.17	+0.31	2.78
US Smllr Cos	193.86	206.78	+0.98	
-do- Accum	193.86	206.78	+0.98	
Institutional Funds				
European	255.78	266.78	+1.10	1.39
-do- Accum	285.15	297.34	+1.23	1.39
Euro Smllr Cos	30.84	32.12		1.46
-do- Accum	32.77	34.13		1.46
Intl Equity Inc	81.17	84.55t	+0.23	1.04
Japan Smllr Cos	34.89	36.34		0.19
-do- Accum	35.19	36.65		0.19
Mngd Balanced	204.55	213.07	+0.33	2.93
-do- Accum	233.54	243.27	+0.38	2.93
Overseas Equity	199.52	207.83	+0.73	1.07
-do- Accum	207.28	215.91	+0.76	1.07
Oseas Smllr Cos	127.92	133.24	+0.32	0.94
-do- Accum	134.09	139.68	+0.34	0.94
Pacific	248.22	258.56t	-0.14	1.47
-do- Accum	274.23	285.65t	-0.15	1.47
Recovery	£19.89	£20.72	-0.91	3.03
-do- Accum	£21.37	£22.26	-0.98	3.03
UK Index	169.35	176.39	+0.26	3.38
-do- Accum	209.05	217.76	-0.32	3.38
UK Small Cos	132.32	137.41	-0.36	2.99
-do- Accum	132.72	138.24	-0.39	2.99
US Smllr Cos	54.65	56.92t	+0.04	0.50
-do- Accum	55.90	58.22t	+0.03	0.50
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.65	57.79	+0.25	2.78
Equity Trust	67.62	71.51	+0.22	3.01
Equity Strategy	79.98	84.59	+0.30	1.84
European Opps	94.80	100.25	+1.27	4.35
UK Smaller Cos	71.71	75.83	+0.12	1.31
Moderate Inc	96.16	101.73		5.60
Japanese	72.48	76.65	+0.39	
Asia Pacific	123.02	130.09	+0.21	3.25
American	114.86	121.46	+0.32	0.67
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.96	31.96	+0.01	6.224
UK General Inc	56.16	59.91	+0.11	2.84
-do- Accum	73.81	78.73	+0.15	2.84
Intl Income	272.70	290.60t	+1.00	1.58
-do- Accum	475.30	507.00t	+1.80	1.59
European	88.21	91.31	+0.40	1.70
Japan	64.18	68.04	+0.46	0.14
American	79.65	84.39	+0.50	2.01
Far East	85.63	91.24	-0.13	1.17
Ethical Inc	32.73	35.00	-0.20	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.54	39.07	+0.10	2.81
High Inc Inc	38.21	40.76	+0.08	3.64
UK Global Inc	42.88	45.85	+0.12	1.76
Wwide Tact	73.28	78.33t	+0.45	1.32
Europe 2000 Tact	57.80	61.40	-0.20	1.45
Technology	135.39	144.23t	-1.29	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	423.50	451.90	-1.30	2.79
American	301.10	319.60	-1.80	0.53
Pacific	378.00	404.30	+1.10	0.51
European	583.40	624.00	+1.80	1.36
Worldwide	91.62	97.91	+0.25	0.89
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	295.50	314.40	+0.80	2.28
-do- Accum	377.80	402.00	+0.90	2.28
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	226.30	240.80	-0.20	1.90
-do- Accum	274.70	292.30	-0.20	1.90
Select Opprty Inc	76.64	81.97t	+0.04	2.00
Income Plus Inc	77.78	82.75t	+0.08	3.59
European Inc	366.30	389.70t	-1.20	1.28
-do- Accum	417.20	443.90t	+1.30	1.28
Far Eastern Inc	173.70	184.80t	+0.80	0.91
-do- Accum	[illegible]	212.40t	+0.70	0.91
Japanese Inc	57.80	61.49t	-0.09	
Nth American Inc	275.50	293.10t	+3.60	0.63
-do- Accum	304.50	324.00t	+3.90	0.63
Intl Growth Inc	210.29	223.70	-1.00	0.63
Wwide Venture Inc	83.10	88.54t	-0.28	0.73
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	396.10	422.40	+1.90	2.54
-do- Accum	594.90	634.50	+1.90	2.54
UK High Inc	131.90	204.60	-0.80	3.51
-do- Accum	287.50	306.60	+1.20	3.51
Europe Inc	414.30	441.90	+4.60	2.40
Nth Amer Inc	255.10	272.10	+2.70	
Global Inc	229.00	244.20	+1.30	0.29
Global Acc	246.60	263.00	-1.40	0.29
UK Spec Sits Inc	110.20	117.50	-0.45	3.29
South East Asia	221.30	236.50	-0.30	0.42
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60		5.92
UK Smllr Cos Inc	112.40	119.80	-0.10	2.36
-do- Accum	116.30	124.50		2.36
Intl Bond Inc	96.14	102.00	+0.70	5.56
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 018				
Sector Recovery	146.90	154.30	+0.30	4.32
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	138.10	145.40	-0.93	0.94
Nth American	122.30	130.70	-0.50	3.22
Intl Bond & Conv	127.30	134.00	+3.10	6.65
Pooled Pension (f)	207.30	222.90	-0.50	2.11
Smaller Cos	91.82	96.71	+0.02	1.32
UK General	146.80	154.50	-3.40	2.22
Far Eastern	94.56	99.54t	-0.53	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	116.97	‡	-1.30	
Aztec ‡	82.54	‡	-1.10	
European ‡	138.91	‡	-0.71	0.26
Global Bond ‡	92.77	‡	-3.12	8.51
Investment Trust ‡	182.30	‡	+0.39	2.09
Preferred Income ‡	99.92	‡	+0.19	6.91
Samurai ‡	52.58	‡	-0.37	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.29			6.09
UK Growth ‡	104.96	‡	-0.42	[illegible]
Tax Pair ‡	97.16	‡	-5.34	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	103.45	‡	-0.06	[illegible]
UK Equity Inc ‡	102.96	‡	-0.14	5.98
Gtch Gwth PEP	68.55	72.92	+0.62	
Pref Inc PEP #	58.26	134.10	+0.15	4.98
Inv Trust PEP	50.80	54.04	-0.56	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	371.80	393.30	-0.40	
Canadian	65.29	69.02	-1.11	0.55
Capital	133.00	142.30	-1.70	1.75
Cash	100.57	109.57t	-0.03	6.22
European	144.00	152.40	-1.50	0.83
Far Eastern	151.80	160.70		
Growth	144.60	152.90	-0.52	1.94
Income	134.40	142.20	-0.30	4.32
Magnum	143.70	153.40	-0.72	1.16
Smllr Secs	437.90	462.93t	-0.46	0.77
Thoroughbred	166.10	178.10t	-0.90	1.52
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
[illegible]	64.11	67.87	-0.07	[illegible]
Ethical	66.63	71.64t	-0.38	[illegible]
European Growth	75.31	80.17	-0.56	[illegible]
Income	67.57	[illegible]	-1.27	5.70
Intl Growth	100.80	107.50	+0.70	3.15
Managed	85.44	91.13	-0.38	3.87
UK Growth	68.92	74.10	+0.51	[illegible]
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.76	45.98	+0.30	2.29
Global Advtg Acc	45.13	48.37	-0.30	2.29
Income Advtg Inc	33.73	35.90	-0.10	5.54
Income Advtg Acc	38.04	38.74	+0.10	5.54
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.20	83.36	-0.20	0.54
Premier Inc Inc	48.36	50.92	-0.10	1.79
Premier Inc Acc	48.39	50.92	+0.10	1.79
Managed Acc	55.65	58.39	+0.30	1.36
UK Ed HI Inc Inc	38.30	40.63t	-0.10	3.99
UK Ed HI Inc Acc	49.08	52.02	-0.10	3.90
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	66.34	73.15	+0.30	2.54
UK Equity Gen Inc	50.28	53.40t	-0.20	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.87	32.65t	-0.22	7.18
Oseas Ltd Co Acc	331.40	359.60	-4.00	1.78
Nth American Acc	51.62	55.06	-0.60	0.15
Pacific Basin	43.19	45.88	-0.13	1.16
European Acc	55.87	59.37	-0.60	0.77
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.104	4.351		1.65
US Eqty (US$)	2.851	3.026		1.39
Far East Eqts (yen)	249.43	264.90		
FT Europe	138.70	147.30		1.32
FT N Amer (US$)	2.194	2.274		0.47
FT Japan (yen)	207.70	220.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.576	2.738		0.30
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	426.10	452.20	+2.30	
British #	1148.10	1214.70	-2.30	3.10
Emging Mkts	132.60	141.40	-0.60	0.46
European	575.00	612.00t	-0.90	[illegible]
Japan	134.50	142.01	-0.50	
New Pacific	390.60	416.00	-1.20	1.56
-do- Accum	416.40	443.50	-1.30	1.56
Inv Trust Acc	273.10	289.50	-1.00	1.62
Mngd Equity	185.70	195.50	+0.20	1.65
Mngd Cash	95.75	95.75	-0.61	6.23
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 388				
Equity	920.20	984.20	-4.80	2.62
North America	152.60	163.20	-0.60	
Far East	148.10	158.40	-0.90	0.17
Wwide Bond	59.62	63.26t	-0.04	5.15
European	110.10	117.90t	+0.20	1.12
Equity Income #	98.64	105.57	-0.30	5.25
Portfolio	93.97	100.50	-0.30	2.13
UK Leading Cos	67.91	72.44	-0.03	[illegible]
Broker Trusts				
Iront Equity	68.89	73.68	-0.10	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Artemis UT	32.13	33.56t	-0.09	0.75
European	42.30	45.00t	+0.14	0.61
High Income	33.79	35.95t	+0.05	4.26
Japan	34.02	36.20t	-0.16	0.01
Managed Assets	132.38	141.59	-0.30	2.61
North American	35.41	38.79t	-0.21	2.67
Smlr Co's Inc	31.69	33.72	-0.15	2.21
Smlr Co's Acc	33.98	36.15t	-0.16	2.21
UK Growth Inc	59.86	63.69	-0.02	2.73
UK Growth Acc	65.77	69.97t	-0.09	2.73
UK Income	43.36	46.38	+0.07	[illegible]
Worldwide Grth	36.62	39.17t	-0.07	0.90
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	61.01	62.90	+2.51	2.06
European Exmpt	87.95	90.68	+0.27	1.91
Pacific Exmpt	58.82	60.64t	+0.21	0.57
US Exmpt	85.75	88.41t	+0.62	1.67
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.42	55.77t	-0.33	
Cap Protector Inc	43.96	46.69t	-0.65	2.76
UK Income Inc	54.68	58.17	-0.50	3.18
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	33.76	35.92t	+0.11	5.09
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.27	88.59t	-0.20	4.41
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.80	84.89	+0.46	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	37.04	39.40t	+0.72	1.67
Pacific Grth Port	47.69	50.73	+0.21	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	255.41	270.27	+4.11	
-do- Accum	281.32	297.69	+4.53	
Brit Growth	107.31	113.56t	+1.11	2.02
-do- Accum	131.53	139.17t	+1.36	2.02
European	112.21	118.74	+0.79	
-do- Accum	119.43	126.38	+0.84	
Extra Income	201.28	212.99	+2.20	4.01
-do- Accum	354.70	375.34	+3.89	4.01
Smaller Cos	81.06	85.77	+1.03	1.03
-do- Accum	92.12	97.48	+1.18	1.03
General	319.90	338.51	+3.50	2.18
-do- Accum	670.21	709.21	+7.34	2.18
Premier Income	50.01	52.10t	+0.08	7.10
-do- Accum	119.12	124.08t	+0.18	7.10
Income	353.69	374.29	+3.48	3.50
-do- Accum	789.44	835.39	+7.77	3.50
Pacific	412.36	436.36	+5.85	.
-do- Accum	433.29	458.50	+6.14	
International	580.90	614.70t	+6.91	
-do- Accum	765.35	809.90t	+9.11	
Nat Resources	166.26	175.96t	+2.64	
Scotd Opps	121.71	128.79t	+1.19	1.49
-do- Accum	157.40	166.56t	+1.54	1.49
Environmental Inv	69.59	73.64	+0.88	1.35
Selector	68.03	71.99t	+0.73	1.73
-do- Accum	78.18	82.73t	+0.84	1.73
High Income	67.17	71.08	+0.64	4.39
-do- Accum	87.58	92.68	+0.83	4.39
Intl Income	61.38	64.95t	+0.19	5.10
-do- Accum	78.60	83.17t	+0.24	5.10
Selector Income	63.27	66.96t	+0.40	4.33
-do- Accum	77.37	81.87t	+0.49	4.33
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	361.43	380.45	+1.83	2.47
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	218.58	233.78	-0.82	2.10
Glob Balncd Inc	183.37	196.11t	+1.24	3.58
Value Tst Inc	129.13	138.11	+0.27	2.12
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.84	45.60	-0.11	7.00
European Growth	291.18	304.90	+1.73	0.40
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Mick Jagger tells **David Sinclair** how keeping up with technology has kept the Rolling Stones ahead

It's rock'n'Rom, and he likes it

There's an old saying which goes: "It's a great life as long as you don't weaken." Mick Jagger is the personification of that hard wisdom. There he sits, an impossibly lean and robust 52-year-old, still at the peak of his precarious profession, in control of his destiny and still, apparently, having the time of his life. His hair is suspiciously dark, but still thick and lustrous, his vision 20:20, and the deep grooves on his face follow laughter and not worry lines. His macho, pseudo-cockney way of talking is tempered by a guffaw which he deploys, to great effect, when it suits him.

His trick in conversation, as in life, is to keep on the move. Nothing is ever taken too seriously. Any avenue of thought that smacks of wasteful self-analysis or dwelling on the past is carefully sidestepped.

"Maybe all the problems we had in the early days made us strong," he ventures by way of a brisk (if rather unlikely) explanation for his group's extraordinary resilience. "It's a band that's had its ups and downs. And the *Voodoo Lounge* tour was a real up. So where do we go now?"

The answer, it seems, is into the brave new world of interactive computer technology. Jagger is here to hustle a new Rolling Stones album and CD-Rom. Both are steeped in history, but both explore the technical cutting edge. The album, *Stripped*, is a back-to-basics, recorded-as-live collection of songs from the less-exposed corners of the Stones back catalogue, from *Angie* and *Street Fighting Man* to obscurities such as *The Spider and the Fly*. Only one number (Robert Johnson's *Love In Vain*) has featured on any of the group's previous six live albums. Although priced the same as a normal CD, it comes in a new configuration known as CD-Plus, which grants the computer-owning listener access to various additional, interactive features, including lyrics, discographies, comments by the band and so forth.

The *Voodoo Lounge* CD-Rom, meanwhile, is a fully interactive computer game, available in PC and Macintosh formats, in which the user visits a number of rooms in a decadent, rock'n'roll palace of wonders populated by members of the Stones and their louche entourage. Incorporating film of the *Voodoo Lounge* tour, rare footage of blues legends such as Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf, new mixes of tracks from the *Voodoo Lounge* album and much else besides, it offers a dizzying and apparently inexhaustible supply of "click-on" experiences, everything from sitting in on an acoustic blues jam with Keith Richards and Ron Wood to overhearing a conversation between Jagger and backing singer Lisa Fisher in the cloakroom area.

"I just wanted to do something that was a fantasy and very much about now, and which doesn't really talk about what the Rolling Stones did 30 years ago," Jagger says. "I'm so bored with talking about that. It really is just entertainment, and I think everyone can have a good laugh with it."

Mick Jagger: "I wanted to do something that doesn't really talk about what the Rolling Stones did 30 years ago"

Curiously, for a band with such dyed-in-the-wool musical roots, the Stones have always been at the forefront of new technological developments. They were one of the first rock acts to record a live album and to put out singles in 12-inch dance mixes. They are the only band ever to be filmed on IMAX. The stage and lighting design of their stadium shows have always been state-of-the-art. They have pioneered groundbreaking video techniques, notably on last year's *Love is Strong*, and on their new single, a version of Bob Dylan's classic, *Like a Rolling Stone*.

Yet it is not so much the sophisticated gadgetry as the sheer indestructibility of the Stones that still beggars belief. When they announced the *Voodoo Lounge* tour last year, the American press was sceptical. "They got hold of this 'Are they too old?' idea and really rammed it hard. So it was quite difficult to sell out the shows at the beginning," Jagger says. "There was a lot of competition as well. Pink Floyd were out there, and the Eagles, who hadn't been out for donkey's years. But once we got started it built up momentum and gradually turned into this wonderful thing. Then Pink Floyd finished, which was good. And then the Eagles got sick."

Jagger roars with satisfied laughter at this recollection. Mention of R.E.M., who suffered a similar misfortune earlier this year, triggers another boisterous display of *schadenfreude*. "The only show of ours that wasn't doing well in Europe was Lisbon. Then R.E.M. got sick and cancelled, and our show took off. It was brilliant."

Meanwhile, the Stones, a good 15 years older and hardly renowned for their healthy lifestyle, did not suffer a single postponement or cancellation on a 13-month itinerary which took them across five continents, and which is not finished yet. The band will reconvene in Bombay on February 26 for the Far Eastern leg of the *Voodoo Lounge* tour, with shows in Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong and possibly China.

It is one thing to outdistance and out-tough all competition, but many people would argue that the group's glory days are a long way behind them. The *Voodoo Lounge* album may have sold five million copies (the same number as *Steel Wheels* before it) but was it an especially good Stones album?

"I think it could have been better," Jagger says. "It could have been more groundbreaking. I was worried that the producer [Don Was] and the engineer [Don Smith] were too retro-minded. I didn't want to make a techno album or anything, but it was a bit lacking on the production end. I think Don Was is great, but the trouble is that all these people are trying to recreate *Exile On Main St.* and it's just impossible to stop them. We've done *Exile On Main St.* I don't want to do it again, particularly. It wasn't that good to start with."

The Stones' last major hit single (and arguably their last *bona fide* classic) was *Start Me Up*, which was released in 1981. The song was recently leased as the soundtrack for the high-profile advert for Microsoft Windows 95, a deal that rumoured to be worth some $6 million. Some commentators found this a bitter pill to swallow, notably Timothy White, editor-in-chief of the influential trade magazine *Billboard*, who took the group to task in an article headlined "Did Stones Sell Their Music Short?"

"Everyone thinks I'm the one who's interested in the business side of the Rolling Stones," Jagger says. "And so I am. But I'm actually the least comfortable in doing those kind of things. Everyone else in the group thinks it's great, especially Keith. He's gone completely in the direction of thinking these things are perfectly all right. It's a cutting edge product and it's only for a short run. In the end I don't think it did the band that much harm. It's not selling dog food."

Did he read White's article? "No. I wish I had. I'd have sent it to Keith."

● *Stripped (album CD-Plus) and* Voodoo Lounge *(CD-Rom) are released by Virgin on Nov 14. The single,* Like a Rolling Stone, *is out this week*

Images carry on spitting

The next series of *Spitting Image* is probably the last. But we ain't seen nothing yet, says **Joe Joseph**

Spitting Image is dead, long live Spitting Image. The deliciously abusive latex puppets of the kitsch and famous will soon step out in what might be the last series of *Spitting Image*. So does that mean that Michael Heseltine will finally be able to buy his puppet, as he has been trying to do for years? Or that Roger Law and Peter Fluck, who invented the trick of making latex behave like a Muppet on mescalin, will no longer be lounging at the back of the class, lobbing bottles at the teacher?

Thankfully not. There is more than one way to skin a cat, and Fluck and Law know several — all of them in questionable taste. *Spitting Image*, the show, may be running out of steam here, but Spitting Image, the production company, is flourishing.

The projects already inked into their diary range from animated sketch shows to feature films, although foreign versions of *Spitting Image* will always keep the puppet-makers busy and the tills ringing. The show has franchises or imitators from Moscow to Tokyo. Turkish politicians have only just learnt what it is like to be lampooned in latex. Newly liberated Eastern Europe has leapt at the concept. South Africa now feels brave enough, too.

Already off the drawing board in Britain is *Crapston Villas*, an animated soap opera produced for Channel 4. The ten-episode series, which made its debut last Friday, fills our living rooms with a household of flat-dwellers from hell, including Fatso, a cat who eats his own sick, Jane Horrocks and Alison Steadman do two of the voices, Sara Ann Kennedy's warped brain provided the plot.

"Her script was so funny," Law says. "It shocked me, and I'm not easy to shock. So I thought we had to do it."

Now comes a pilot, again for Channel 4, for *The Strip Show*, an animated half-hour sketch show scheduled for release over Christmas. A typical sketch? Try *Leftover Dog*. It's about an ambitious female lawyer who gets her body resculpted and is given a present by her plastic surgeon of her body's off-cuts all sewn together to make a puppy, called Leftover Dog. It sounds sick, but it's also very amusing — in a sick way, of course.

If Channel 4 commissions a series, the producer Giles Pilbrow already has plans for a cast of regular animated characters who will be interwoven every week with one-off sketches. "It's a bit of social satire, no politics, but plenty to make you laugh," Pilbrow says. "It has all the freedom of radio, but the advantage of TV. Channel 4 is aware of the success of *The Simpsons*, and this is aiming for the same audience.

"This is the first time that money for animation is coming from the comedy department of Channel 4 rather than from animation. They're looking at it as a mainstream comedy venture."

Anything else? Plenty, says Law. At 54, he still tingles with a boy's passion about new ideas, even though his apparent unworldliness about money and refusal to cut corners drives some colleagues barmy. "If you care about the product," he says, "you don't make a lot of money."

If anything he almost delights in upsetting moneymen. One venture he is trying to massage into life is *The Dump*, an animation series based in a rubbish tip. The characters are made of used Brillo Pads and beer cans. Nigel Planer will do the voice-over.

"I took this proposal," Law says, "to Mipcom, a television fair, and this very powerful American distributor said to me: 'What is it with you creative types? You always want to do something new.'" Law roars with laughter at the preposterousness of the industry which provides his livelihood.

His own former managing director left when she could not understand how he was willing to plough £70,000 of the company's money into backing Tim Watts and David Stoten — two of Spitting Image's puppet-makers — who wanted to make an animated short called *The Big Story*. The story's stars are three versions of Kirk Douglas: young, middle-aged and old. The animation is star-



Roger Law: plans in the pipeline

tlingly slick. "It took them seven months to make three minutes of film. I lost a perfectly good MD over it. She said: 'You're sad'. But I knew the boys could do it."

As it happened, Quentin Tarantino saw and loved *The Big Story*, provoking Hollywood's interest. "Now we are finalising the contract with a major Hollywood studio to make a full-length feature film in this idiom," Law says.

A dream Law has been nursing since 1989 is to make an animated series of George Herriman's surreal 80-year-old cartoon *Krazy Kat*. The project is finally on the runway, with Spitting Image doing a pilot for BBC2 in partnership with America's Hearst Corporation, which owns the rights to the character. The cartoonist Steve Bell is mapping out artwork.

The plot? "Well", Law says, as eager as if he were pitching for a commission, "Krazy Kat loves this mouse called Ignatz, described as 'a villian who believes in getting his future now'. Ignatz hates Krazy Kat and spends all his time braining the cat with a brick. Officer Pup, the policeman, loves Kat, and gets jealous, so he's always arresting Ignatz and putting him in the slammer. That's all there is, and this work is seminal. Herriman influenced everyone from Disney down."

Sounds plenty to be getting on with. No, no, there's more. "We've been commissioned by ITV Network Centre to do a puppet show that will go out next autumn. But it's not a successor to *Spitting Image*. There will be a lot of satire, but a lot of plain filth as well."

GALLERIES: **Charles Hall** detects new confidence in a show of recent work by one Britain's best young painters

Raw talent makes its mark

Fiona Rae is working to a formula — a horizontal format, rows of circles, and a newly limited (and rather chilly) range of colours. "If everything's up for grabs every time you want to start a painting," she says, "it's like having to redefine your language every time you open your mouth. This way the painting can go to more interesting places."

And it does: she uses great flat circles, painted like targets, as the foundation for most of these paintings, and floats white linear circles on their surfaces. The effect (apart from raising questions about the relationship between painting and drawing, depicting and embodying) is to create a deep pictorial space between the two planes. That space is occupied and defined by an extraordinary variety of painterly incidents: blots and dribbles, puddles and splatters, and crude, meandering rainbows, apparently made by dragging a paint-smeared stick across the canvas.

Rae has always been a brilliant mark-maker, and every inch of the 11 paintings in this series (five of which are fully 11 feet long) testifies to that sheer raw talent. But these are paintings which one reads as a rhythmic whole, not as showcases for bravura set-pieces.

The chief interest lies not so much in the detail as in our sense of Rae's manipulation of pictorial space and even time. She draws your eye around the canvas like an old pro, using the centrifugal force of those arcs and arabesques to swing your gaze rhythmically across the surface.

The teasing quality of these new paintings is a long way from the frivolous wit of the works which first brought Rae to prominence. For a start, these are paintings which begin with circles — in her waggish youth, Rae's paintings tended to start with rectangles. It may not sound much, but in effect it signals a new assurance in her art: these paintings are generated out of their own formal possibilities, not from allusions to other artists.



Fiona Rae's *Untitled (orange, purple and green)*, 1995: playing with pictorial space

Rectangles, after all, could be taken to represent canvases, and those early works generally had the look of several different paintings forced into cohabitation at gunpoint. It wasn't at all unusual to find yourself ambushed, in the middle of what appeared to be a serious exercise in abstraction, by a little cartoon bunny rabbit, or by a purple powder puff.

Playing off one convention against another, Rae's chief pleasure seemed to be to bring a painting to the very edge of collapse before sending one of her outrageous, virtuoso brush strokes snaking across the canvas to bind the whole tottering edifice together.

The results could be very funny, but they also carried a conceptual charge. After all, Rae was not only a graduate of London's Goldsmiths' College; she had also, in 1988, participated in *Freeze*, the landmark exhibition organised by her fellow Goldsmiths' graduate, the then unkown Damien Hirst. She liked to force you to acknowledge the artificiality of painting.

"I don't think my paintings are 'universal' or 'pure'," she wrote, "they're kind of phoney abstract." It's easy to see how Rae made her mark at the time: here was painting you could admire without having to admit to an unfashionable taste for painting.

Now, in adopting a structural formula, Rae has become — at least for the moment — formalist. She is quarrying, not deconstructing, exploring the workings of a convention, not simply, smugly exposing it as "conventional". This is painting which eschews prettiness, but which passers-by will admire as much as connoisseurs: it is beautiful abstract painting.

But it is important to recognise that the discipline and inventiveness of her painting has its roots in exactly the same sceptical and ingenious critical intelligence as did those earlier satires.

This is not painting which could have been made without the precedent of conceptual art. Goldsmiths' — supposedly the sworn enemy of paint and painters — may yet be recognised as the best thing that ever happened to modern British painting.

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■ THEATRE 1

Jailhouse rock bottom? The musical version of *Prisoner Cell Block H* is strictly for fans



■ THEATRE 2

Even John Wells cannot rescue John Van Druten's trivial light comedy, *Make Way for Lucia*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ABUNDANCE. Opening night for Maryam d'Abo and Myriam Cyr, playing mail-order brides struggling to survive the rigours of 1860s Wyoming. From Pulitzer Prize winner Beth Henley, directed by Lisa Forrell.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 5pm.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Final performances for Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production: the outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Lindsay Duncan, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch. A feast for both the eyes and the imagination.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; tomorrow, 2pm and 7.15pm.

IAN SHAW: A brief season for this jazz singer and pianist in the Mark Murphy-Mel Torme mould, capable of wowing his audience with a Gershwin or Rodgers and Hart standard before swanning off to a bit of Joni Mitchell.
Pizza on the Park, Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5273). Tonight-Sat, 9.15 and 11.15pm.

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: Do not miss your chance to see one of the most exhilarating and original choreographers America has ever produced.

Paul Taylor brings his company to Britain for just four performances on a world tour. The programmes include some of his greatest hits, including *Aureole*, a lyrical piece to Handel music, *Company B* which brings to life the music and period of the Andrews Sisters, the romantic *Roses* and a hilarious *3 Epitaphs*. Each show also has two works new to Britain.
Festival, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

BRISTOL: A welcome return for Peter Nichols, directing his own play for Show of Strength, **Blue Murder**. Set in the 1960s, in sober Shrewsbury and swinging London and described as a "cocktail of black comedy and Whitehall farce".
Quakers Friars, Broadmead (0117-953 7735). Previews tonight and opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Mon-Wed, 8pm Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Nov 8, 15 and 25, 2.30pm. Until Nov 25.

POOLE: Yakov Kreizberg takes up the baton as principal conductor of the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** tonight with a programme of Webern's Six Pieces for Orchestra, Mozart's Symphony No 39 and Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2. Soloist, Peter Donohoe.
Wessex Hall, Arts Centre, Kingland Road (01202 685222). 7.30pm. Then at **Basingstoke**, Anvil (01256 844244), Thurs; Southampton, Northguild (01703 632601), Fri.

CAMBRIDGE: Tonight's programme from the touring **Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra** offers a glimpse into the two Russias — pre and post-revolution. Shostakovich's rarely performed Symphony No 6, Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 1 and, inevitably, a work by Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6).
Corn Exchange, Wheeler Street (01223 357851). Tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Hellenistic World: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) **Hayward**: Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (071-928 3144) **National Gallery**: Gods in Love: the Caracci Cartoons Restored (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) ... **Tate**: Turner Prize 1995 Exhibition (0171-887 8000) ... **V&A**: Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE CABINET OF DOKTOR CALIGARI**: Premiered at Nottingham, stage version of the German silent classic. Good sets, unearthly music, pointless dancing but a haunting performance by John Ramm as Matthew Kelly's sleepwalking killer.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **DEAD FUNNY**: Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **EDDIE IZZARD**: The quirky comedian returns for another season of surreal musings on life.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7.30pm.

□ **THE HOTHOUSE**: Assailed by crises in a mysterious detention centre, Harold Pinter is marvellously funny, heading the strong cast in his own, long-buried play. With Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie and John Shrapnel.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production returns with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

◪ **JOLSON**: The story of the first man to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. Rob Bettinson directs a £2 million musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **MAKING THE FUTURE**: Three modern European plays on: a Bosnian boy's life; Hitler's childhood; Cinderella's Prince.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Phone for performance schedule.

□ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Peter Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **RICHARD II**: Fiona Shaw plays the puppyish king. This daring piece of casting succeeds, as does the whole of Deborah Warner's production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 1pm and 7pm. Some seats on sale from 10am.

◪ **THE SHAKESPEARE REVUE**: Ingenious and enjoyable evening of songs and sketches inspired by Shakespeare.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC1 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm.

□ **STRIKE**: Strong and searing dramatization of an excerpt from Hubert Selby's celebrated novel *Last Exit to Brooklyn*. Not for the squeamish.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30; Sun, 5.30pm.

◪ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who withered his childhood.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Albery (0171-369 1730) ... ◪ **The Importance of Being Earnest**: Old Vic (0171-928 7616) ... ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ... ◪ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HAUNTED (15): Ghost sceptic Aidan Quinn revises his opinions staying in a stately home. Laboured version of James Herbert's novel. Director, Lewis Gilbert.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

THE LIFE AND EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE IVAN CHONKIN (15): Pleasant satire about a doltish soldier and Russia's military machine, but the film's time has passed. Jiri Menzel directs.
Minema (0171-235 4225) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SCARF, TATJANA: Poignant comic delight from Finnish minimalist Aki Kaurismäki. Plus *Total Balalaika Show*: the Leningrad Cowboys in joyous concert with the Red Army Ensemble.
ICA (0171-930 3647)

◆ **TO DIE FOR** (15): Delicious social satire about a television weather girl's murderous lust for glory. Gus Van Sant directs Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **UNDER SIEGE 2** (18): *Die Hard* on a train, with an impassive star (Steven Seagal), a grinning villain (Eric Bogosian), and much tedious action.
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A long night of hard labour

Prisoner Cell Block H
Queens



DONALD COOPER

Lily Savage: behind bars but still parading around in a platinum-poodle wig and over-the-top dresses

To adapt a remark of the late John Osborne, why bother to transform foreign rubbish into a spoof musical when there is plenty of perfectly good British rubbish awaiting the same treatment? What about *Family Fortunes* or *Noel's House Party* or *Best of British Motorsport*, which is shown at 4.35 some mornings? All right, they are too good. Well, what of *The National Lottery Live*, a show that invariably contrives to combine the maximum of heartiness with the maximum of disappointment?

Actually, very much the same whooping and cheering greeted the characters in *Prisoner Cell Block H* on its first night as greets the shimmering Turner incisors every Saturday evening. Clearly, the Australian soap of the same name has a following among Londoners with a taste for camp. They are welcome to make the trip to the Queens for Don Battye and Peter Pinne's musical and, if they like, to set up their tents permanently there. But please include me out.

The setting is a Melbourne jail for what, take or leave the odd comically ranting lesbian, appear to be a pretty docile and good-hearted bunch of women. Into their midst comes a North-Country Brit falsely accused of stealing a fondu-making set and murdering her sister. She is played by the drag queen Lily Savage, and her function seems primarily to be to stalk about in a platinum-poodle wig and a series of over-the-top dresses making silly cracks and delivering poor lyrics.

But she does also play some part in the denouement, which borrows a famous device from the movie *M.A.S.H* to expose the villain. This is a warder called Ferguson, or the Freak, who steals LSD from an inmate, drops it into the governor's teacup, provokes a rather poorly staged riot, and thus inveigles herself into the prison's top job. Once there, she sets about desoftening the previous regime in ways (manacles on walls et al) that would go down well in our own Home Office right now.

Here is the evening's one plus. The Freak is played by Maggie Kirkpatrick in a wig that makes her look like Hermann Goering and a style that takes her still further up the Nazi hierarchy. She strides around, first in an institutional skirt and then in grey breeches and black jackboots, sneering at the prisoners. "Tramp on 'em, grind 'em down," runs her penal policy. "Treat you like the vermin you really are."

After an hour or two, I could see her point. Indeed, she was the only character whose company proved at all enjoyable. The characters in her charge — man-mad vamp, sad old dear, cracked girl with a teddy bear, and, above all, the awful Savage — seemed to me to merit all the tramping and grinding she could give them. Certainly, there were four or five numbers that would have been vastly improved if she had come catapulting through the walls of Kevin Knight's comically flimsy set and stopped the singers dead in their tracks.

Both creators work for the company that brought us *Prisoner* and brings us *Neighbours*. Pinne is Grundy Television's Senior Vice-President Light Entertainment and Drama, Latin America, and Battye its Senior Vice-President of Drama Development in Australia. Their efforts here range from soul to rock and are, it's true, invariably put over with great brio, but they all pass through the eardrums the way air does through lungs. What's left to remember? Nothing.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Tarsome Mapp-reading

Make Way for Lucia
Richmond



MARILYN KINGWILL

Angela Thorne as the indomitable Lucia with her effete companion Georgie (John Wells)

One good thing about John Van Druten's trivial light comedy adapted from a lightly comic novel by E. F. Benson, is that Lucia's trivial companion Georgie, who embroiders to calm his nerves, never describes what he dislikes as "tarsome". There is only so much that even a patient audience will endure, even from John Wells, who plays this effete twitterer with the curious hair. On the other hand, I dare say that devoted Benson fans waited eagerly for Wells to say precisely this, just as they will have waited for Marcia Warren's Miss Mapp to utter her breezy cries of "Au reservoir!" — which she several times did — and for Angela Thorne's Lucia to coax Major Flint (John Nettleton) with her baby talk: "Would oo play Otello if ickle me played Dethdemona?"

After Benson's death in 1940 his books faded from view, and I can't say that my ignorance of them until last weekend, when I read a fair bit of *Mapp and Lucia*, on which Van Druten's piece of silliness is based, was leaving me feeling culturally deprived. The plots of the Lucia books, and there are five others in the series, appear to be variations on one theme: how an affected featherhead contrives to queen it over her little society of simpletons, persuading them that she is more artistic, more amusing and more fluent in Italian than they are.

Mrs Emmeline Lucas — the ineffable Lucia — has rented Miss Mapp's elegant house in Tilling (said to be based on Rye) for the summer. Miss Mapp has hitherto been Tilling's queen, and now Lucia displaces her. In the book her victories at the garden fête, the art exhibition and the musical soirée are recorded with a wealth of quite telling social detail and a touch, here and there, of mockery. Benson seems to be fond of her but at the same time allows his readers to see that she is a dreadful fraud.

Van Druten may have grasped what Benson was after but cannot bring himself to mock his heroine, or, if his script set out to do this, Alan Strachan's production and Thorne's performance prefer to see her as admirable. Catty and manipulative, but in some inexplicable way a good thing.

Yet the plotting (laboured) and the interplay (painfully simple) give us too little to endorse this assessment. Characters enter for brief exchanges of gossip and depart; if on stage already when a scene begins they are soon provided with an excuse to leave. Mapp is the only character with the resolve and resources to stand up to Lucia, and now and then Warren makes her hiss rage through a clenched smile. The peripheral figures are all feebly drawn. The vicar whose idea of humour is to talk Scottish, a wretched creation in the book, is worse on the stage.

Wells pronounces EVERY other WORD in CAPITALS, but shares a fairly good visual joke with Thorne when they pause before playing the piano to strip their fingers of heavy rings which go clonking into a china bowl. Paul Farnsworth's set is pretty; so are the Edwardian frocks; likewise the poppies peeping through the gypsophila on the mantelpiece. Though written in 1948, the play has never been produced in Britain before, not even during the 1951 Festival when filigree was all the rage. If not then, why now?

JEREMY KINGSTON

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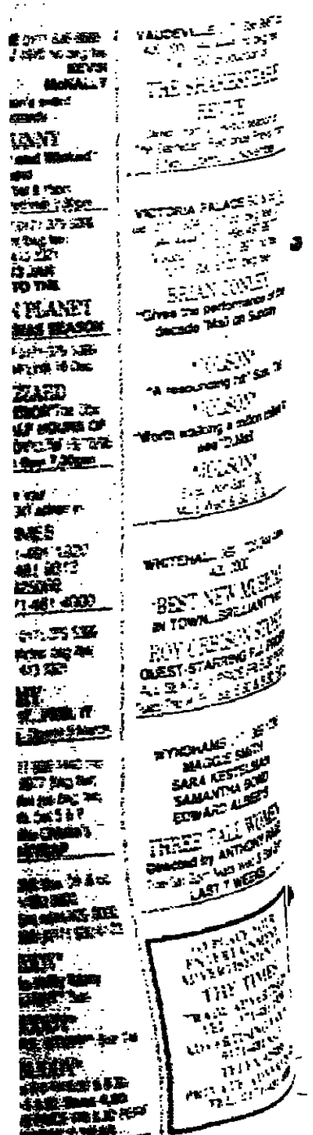
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Rise of new renaissance man

Theodore Zeldin — author, thinker and Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford — has a thing about spectacles. He believes that we can alter the way we look at the world (and, more importantly, the course of our lives) if we change the lens through which we view it. Thus the first chapter in his book *An Intimate History of Humanity*, now published in paperback, is called "How humans have repeatedly *lost* hope, and how new encounters, and a new pair of spectacles, revive them".

Zeldin's spectacles both magnify, enabling him to see patterns in behaviour and customs across an epic sweep of centuries and cultures, and miniaturise, through his encounters with ordinary and extraordinary women (the qualities overlap) who talk to him intimately about their feelings of loneliness, love, desire and despair. He shows us how — by wearing his bifocals — we can use history as a tool to enrich our lives and avoid making the same errors as our ancestors.

Zeldin has a subtle and expansive imagination, which is not easily reined in. He flinches at my attempts to restrict him to discussing the arts in Britain since, although he has an opinion on them(he has an opinion on almost everything), his interests are more protean and, indeed, Olympian in their capaciousness. "Why limit me," one can almost hear him thinking, "to one stage? Or page?"

Particularly since what he is *about* is making connections between different spheres, building bridges between the expected and the unexpected, transforming the individual into the universal, turning his back on specialisation.

He believes that we are on the verge of a new renaissance, led by women, in which people's private lives will shape public life. Zeldin himself brings to mind a figure from the last Renaissance. Governments (but not our own, of course) invite this thinker to spend time with them, simply because they value the originality of his thoughts. He gives talks on a multitude of subjects to a wide variety of organisations: from the international congress of specialists in Down's Syndrome to the think-tank Demos, from festivals celebrating the centenary of cinema to symposiums on food.

The invitations have multiplied since the publication of the book, a dazzlingly erudite and seductive self-help manual. It strikes a profound chord among people from diverse cultural backgrounds and metiers who — and this is something new — seem to feel the need to share their discovery with others.

Last year, dry literary pages sprang to life with the riches of the reviewers' response. "This extraordinary and beautiful work ... the most exciting and ambitious work of non-fiction I have read in more than a decade," wrote Maggie Gee. "A vivid and encyclopaedic look at everyday life and all the little things we take for granted — a brilliant piece of work," wrote J.G. Ballard.

It is Ballard who may end up being responsible for transforming Zeldin from a writer with a devoted following into a household name. Ballard told Nicholas Rossiter, his son-in-law who also happenes to be the BBC producer who introduced Sister Wendy to the small screen, that he must buy the book. Now, Rossiter, too, is an ardent fan.

"Zeldin is one of the most original thinkers of our time," he says. "It would be an exceptionally exciting project to get his ideas over to a wider audience." The problem is how to preserve the integrity of those ideas while channelling *them* through such a different medium.

Zeldin is not a man to be defeated by new challenges. He is already adapting himself to the language of television, by learning to think visually. In the pursuit of illustrating "Desire", for example, he has recently visited the Nottingham Museum of Shoes. "There you have something which people through the ages have used in order to excite each others' interest," he says. "Every shoe has great character. You see the Japanese shoes, and then those very high-heeled shoes which make people incapable of walking, and one can use that kind of example to give visual interest to what one is describing."

The Museum of Contemporary Art in Bordeaux has asked him to make an exhibition of the book, an invitation one cannot imagine being extended to many historians or philosophers. What was his original reaction? "Lovely. Nice idea. Very difficult."

He has been given 18 rooms in which to explore the themes of each chapter. They will be filled with works Zeldin has commissioned from artists, as well as old objects to illustrate his ideas. For "Conversation" he imagines a wall full of lips facing a wall full of ears, and in between pieces which either limit or assist communication: a collection of antique and rather beautiful confessionals: the barriers between prisoners and their visitors: the glass which insulates bank teller from customer.

Zeldin believes this fusion of the ancient and contemporary is truly modern. But doesn't it sound suspiciously *post*-modern, appropriating from the old to make sense of the new? It is clearly a frivolous question. "I am not interested in appropriating for fashion or because I cannot think of anything else to use," he says.

"This is the first time in history that we know about every civilisation. My interest in the past has a purpose: how can we use it to enable us to live more decently in the present and to stimulate us to find alternative methods to go forward? It is not a game."

We have been talking in Zeldin's Oxfordshire home, a white, 1930s mansion which rises surprisingly from a wiggle of verdant country lanes. His garden is more surprising still, reminiscent of something out of *The Draughtsman's Contract*. Beyond a high formal hedge, you can just make out what looks like a series of "rooms" beyond. Like his book, it offers a tantalising glimpse of what lies ahead.

JULIAN HERBERT



Zeldin: "My interest in the past has a purpose: how can we use it to enable us to live more decently and find alternative methods to go forward?"

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Winning hand for Tchaikovsky

OPERA

Queen of Spades
Metropolitan Opera, New York

ALTHOUGH the Metropolitan Opera is both loved and loathed for being a singer's house which plays staid, safe productions, it is making up for lost ground with the kind of repertory ignored in recent decades. In doing so it is collaborating with a series of London-based producers — Graham Vick, Elijah Moshinsky and Jonathan Miller among them — who are doubtless drawn by Met-sized budgets.

This season is Moshinsky's: he has two of the five new productions, both Slavonic works perceived as "difficult" by the Met public. In January he directs Jessye Norman in Janáček's *Makropoulos Case*, and his staging of Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades* has just opened with great success.

Moshinsky is perhaps the ideal producer for the task of convincing Met-goers of this wonderful opera's unique strengths. Though not exactly conservative, he is not tainted by connections with the bare-bulb-'n'-kitchen-chair school of opera production. He is equally good at handling moments of grandeur and intimacy, vital in a work like this that balances inward turmoil with sparkling brilliance.

In Mark Thompson's appealing sets and costumes each stage picture was carefully thought out, and even the most beautiful did not seem pretty for its own sake. Though the glitter was not neglected, neither producer nor designer lost sight of the fact that the opera is about obsession and Herman's descent into madness. Each scene was enclosed in a frame and a dark, charcoal-coloured box that not only provided shadowy interior detail but also evoked the narrowing tunnel of Herman's despair. Moshinsky took a few liberties of his own, not least in portraying the Countess's ghost as the young "Venus of Moscow", who, after divulging her secret to Herman, climbed into his bed.

Empty seats on the opening night would no doubt have been more numerous had the Countess not been Leonie Rysanek, a great Met favourite singing her last role there. At 69, she still managed to find all the notes of her aria, which she sang hauntingly. The Canadian tenor Ben Heppner was taking his first Herman, and sang with heroic, unforced tone that was compromised only by unidiomatic Russian: his physical portrayal of a shambling loner turned reckless by obsession was gripping.

Karita Mattila made a lustrous, creamy-toned Lisa: the young Finnish soprano has seldom seemed more involved. The Russians in the cast included the Met debutants Nikolay Putilin as a solid Tomsky and Dmitry Hvorostovsky as a rather anonymous Yeletsky, nobly sung though his aria was.

Nothing in this show would have made quite the same impact without the conducting of Valery Gergiev, who got deep into the darksome drama of the work and brought irresistible verve to the grander moments. With the company's superb orchestra and chorus at his disposal, this was the Met at its best.

JOHN ALLISON

Head of pop, and the classics

Getting a music scholarship to Eton is easy, says **Hilary Finch**. You just have to be the best

There is clearly more to music at Eton than the Choir and the Choirbook. Some of the music scholars *can* overreach themselves, especially when it comes to harmony and counterpoint. A second-year just setting out on his GCSE course who submits as his harmony exercise a Gershwinesque rhapsody is firmly told to go back and do it again.

So high, in fact, is the level of work among Eton's music scholars that, cowed by their achievement, all too few non-scholars choose to take up music as an option in their second year. Which is a pity, as the chances are that they will have been given quite a taste for it in their very first days of term.

Every new boy at Eton has a general class music lesson: the one I snooped in on would have inspired me for life. A deceptively frail woman named Diana Hazzard was explaining what harmony actually was: "Without it, we'd get bored."

Ralph Allwood, Precentor and director of music at Eton since 1985, has introduced electric guitar and jazz piano lessons, and has a didgeridoo propped up against his grand piano. Could this be the beginning of world music at Eton?

He teaches the *crème de la crème*, but is also very much a specialist in the non-specialist. This year he started a music technology course in another effort to woo more non-music scholars. Outside the three orchestras, three choirs, choral society, pipe band, two wind bands and three jazz bands, that is.

In a tiny room, sternly labelled "Eton College Gramophone Library" and brown with shelves of old LPs and copies of *Gramophone*, Andrew Staples, lower sixth, perches in tails and pinstripes

YOUNG AT art

in front of the New Computer. He's editing a zany video he made of the choir's summer trip to America to his own choice of music; and then composing his own synthesized piece, looping, sampling, sequencing, transforming and digitally converting. A new extension to the Music Schools, currently being designed and planned, will provide space for ten more computers, as well as a recording studio and control room. In a leafy enclave where, in the days of the poet Thomas Gray, Old Father Thames might have seen "full many a sprightly race Disporting on the margent green", there will be more practice rooms, a space for lessons in the Alexander technique and two soundproofed rooms for rock bands.

Building on the innovatory work of his predecessor, Graham Smallbone, Allwood has increased the number of music lessons each week from 400 to 857, and is proud of his fleet of 58 music teachers, seven of whom are full-time.

There are eight music scholarships on offer each year, worth up to the value of full fees, plus uniform. But Allwood is concerned that far too few boys and parents know they exist. He recently engaged someone for a year to go round as many schools and institutions as he could find, plastering them with leaflets to awaken interest.

He is particularly keen to spread the word about the little-known sixth-form scholarship. This year a boy from a Birmingham state school, son of an unemployed painter and decorator, is enjoying sixth-form life at Eton. He is one of the college's star debaters and has a choral scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge.

More and more students, too, are edging away from the specialist music schools to continue their studies at Eton. Two I spoke to said there was far more work and more rules at Eton, but also more flexibility and more room to breathe. "You can't come here if you don't enjoy work, and if you're not pretty good at it," one said. "But you can mix with people who are not musicians. If you want to practise six hours a day, you probably should go to a specialist school. But I can practise at least three hours a day if I want to, *and* act in loads of plays."

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Renting around the world

Christopher Warman outlines the global variations in office costs

A global view of the market shows that office rents in Tokyo remain the highest in the world, reports Weatherall Green & Smith in its latest international rent survey.

Despite the fall of the yen — down 22 per cent against the dollar and 19 per cent against the pound in the past six months — Tokyo's prime rents, at £90 a sq ft, are substantially higher than Hong Kong, where rents (£77 a sq ft) fell by 15 per cent in the same period.

As attention moves towards June 30, 1997, many firms in Hong Kong are renewing existing leases rather than taking new space. Weatheralls believes that many projects scheduled for completion in the next four years will slip, so that the expected 1997 supply bulge will not be as pronounced as first feared.

While rents in Peking (£57 a sq ft) are more expensive than in any European city, London's high service charges and total occupancy costs make it the third most expensive location for offices among the 12 centres surveyed.

David Glascock, of Weatherall, says: "International companies are rationalising property expenditure on a central basis to balance their total occupational costs with their pure business needs.

"However, London, New York and Hong Kong continue to dominate the world's financial markets. This is demonstrated by ABN AMRO and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's decisions to secure new buildings of 200,000 sq ft and 300,000 sq ft in the City of London."

These deals have triggered increased activity in the City, and although rents stand at £35 a sq ft, some landlords have increased rents to £42.50 a sq ft for new offices, the same as in the West End. This is because rating revaluation has produced a rates inequality of about £10 a sq ft between existing and new premises.

Weatherall's snapshot of the European market shows that Paris has been dominated by a small number of major lettings, although they have put little upward pressure on rents, which remain at about £34.30 a sq ft.

In Frankfurt, take-up in the first three quarters of the year was well below market expectations and is likely to be 25 per cent down for the year. In Berlin, the office vacancy rate has increased from 2.5 per cent to more than 5 per cent, and is expected to reach 6 per cent by the end of the year. The supply/demand imbalance favours the tenant, and overall rents have fallen by 50 per cent since 1992 to £24.70 a sq ft. Further falls are expected over the next 12 months.

Amsterdam has seen considerable letting activity, with rents stable at £17.50 a sq ft. A number of large corporations are on the move, but Weatherall does not believe this will lead to rental growth in view of the number of large office developments coming to completion.

In Madrid, letting activity has slowed as most of the major relocations have taken place. With top rents at £15.76 a sq ft, very few lettings have been above the psychologically important level of £16 a sq ft.

The lack of speculative development over the past three years has meant that office space in Brussels will be in increasingly short supply and vacancy rates will fall.

New York continues to have difficulties. Activity in Midtown has lost its momentum over the past two quarters and the market remains delicately balanced. Rents in Midtown are £38.20 a sq ft. Although the Grand Central district has seen some major relocations, 27 blocks of prime space of over 100,000 sq ft remain on the market.

The Downtown market (£23.90 a sq ft) continues to struggle, with a rise in the vacancy rate to 24.6 per cent by the end of the third quarter, the highest level for two years. And despite the city's "Downtown Revitalisation Plan", which will provide incentives to tenants signing leases in pre-1975 buildings, the forecast for the Downtown market remains bleak.

In a survey of the Asia Pacific region, Knight Frank International Research reports that commercial property values in Japan are falling at a rate of 2 per cent a month, with values expected to drop by about one quarter in the next 12 months.

Japan is an exception to the general favourable situation in the region, where the major developed economies are continuing to deliver growth even if they are accompanied by fears of a deceleration in economic activity and rising inflationary pressures.

The report says that European institutions are showing increasing interest in South-East Asian property markets. "Many believe that their home markets are relatively mature and the achievement of superior returns will depend upon gaining access to the fast growth economies of the South-East Asian region."

STEPHEN MARKESON



Prime rents are slipping and many companies in Hong Kong are opting to renew existing leases rather than to take on new space

MARKET MOVES

SLOUGH Estates and Hypo Bank have announced what is believed to be the largest office deal in west London so far in the 1990s. Disney has taken 220,000 sq ft of the Centre West development in Hammersmith.

Disney has agreed to lease 3 Queen Caroline Street, a 140,000 sq ft office building forming part of Hypo's Phase 1 at Centre West, at £25 a sq ft, and agreed with Slough Estates for the construction of an 82,000 sq ft office on the Phase 2 site, due for completion in 1997, at £27.50 a sq ft. The two buildings will be interconnecting and will become Disney's UK headquarters.

NUMBER ONE, Leeds City Office Park, the first phase of British Gas Properties' development in the city, is a 60,000 sq ft speculative office scheme. The building, designed by Peter Foggo Associates, with low energy and maintenance costs as a key objective, is available to rent at £17.50 a sq ft through Grenville Smith and Duncan of Leeds.

The park has permission for 480,000 sq ft of offices: the largest consent in Leeds.

STOCKLEY PARK, Heathrow, one of Europe's leading business parks, has gained a new occupier in Octel Client Server Software Division, which is taking 8,400 sq ft at £26 a sq ft. The division is the European research and development group of Octel Communications, a supplier of voice information processing systems.

ANOTHER Stockley Park occupier, Dow Chemical, is to dispose of its UK and Ireland headquarters, Lakeside House. The building (overlooking a lake) has 72,000 sq ft of space, 10,000 sq ft of which is occupied by Acuson Sonographics. The remainder will be offered with vacant possession through DTZ Debenham Thorpe.

ENGLISH Partnerships and Manchester City Council have announced a £15.8 million investment in Manchester's Great Northern Quarter. The city centre scheme includes the Grade II listed Great Northern warehouse.

The increasing strength of the market for land around London's orbital M25 means it is on the edge of a new development cycle

Attractions of life in the fast lane

The area surrounding the M25, London's orbital motorway, is on the brink of the next development and investment cycle, Knight Frank & Rutley reports in its M25 Office Floorspace Survey, published this week.

Total supply in the M25 market now stands at around 8.5 million sq ft, and the increasing strength of the market is apparent from the fact that, of the total space available, only 18 per cent is new accommodation.

Of the second-hand stock available, more than 60 per cent is low-quality space, so that the supply of good-quality floorspace is now acute. This month the M25 vacancy rate has fallen to 7.5 per cent, the lowest since the late 1980s.

During the quarter there have been significant lettings at a number of new developments, including Shaw House, Woking; The Braccans, Bracknell; Dukes Green and 1 Noble Drive at Heathrow; and Ashurst Manor, Ascot.

In the second-hand market, notable schemes include Knyvett House, Staines; Guildford Business Park, Guildford; Stockley Park, Heathrow; and Overline House, Crawley.

The falling supply of new accommodation is reawakening interest in the M25's established business park locations, which continue to offer second-hand accommodation of the highest quality.

Steve Mallen, a partner and the head of research at Knight Frank & Rutley, comments: "In the months ahead, the M25 development market will be rekindled. Led by the southwestern, Surrey-based quadrant, developers and investors are now gearing up for a new wave of development. While access to development funding continues to mitigate against over-ambitious development proposals, an increasing number of funds are now prepared to lend on selective, well-researched schemes."

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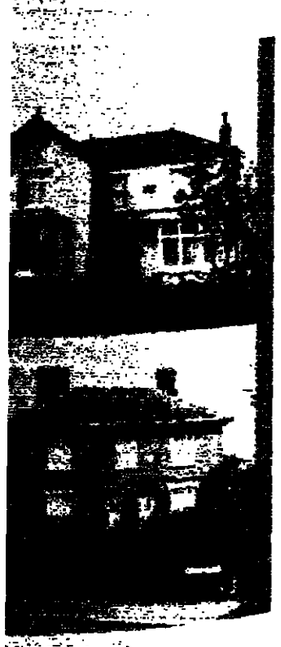
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Office typecasting

The role of the screen secretary is changing to reflect the Nineties workplace, says **Jennai Cox**

Her lipstick is always immaculate, she never takes days off and has a remarkable knack of getting away with cheeking the boss. You never see her out of the office and she will never lose her job. To some she is an insult, to others, a heroine. She is the secretary of the screen.

Few television programmes take place in a work environment and the scenes of those that do are usually fleeting. But more scriptwriters are realising the potential of office drama, and the screen secretary is coming into her own.

Miss Moneypenny is one secretary few will have missed; always beautifully turned out, always polite and always disappointed at not having been wooed by 007. None of today's screen secretaries measures up to this image and few scriptwriters take their inspiration from her.

"She is too perfect," says Simon Nye, writer of the sit-com *Is it Legal?* (ITV). "It is difficult not to stereotype a secretary and I hope I haven't. Those I came in contact with were all rather fierce, and I think that comes across in Alison."

Alison is the blonde, long-legged, twentysomething secretary who works for Lotus Spackman and Phelps solicitors and spends her days reading magazines and thinking about the next party.

"She is bored and needs a job more suited to her character," says Nye. "But she is on top of things and in control of the men in the office." Secretaries on television today do not have affairs with the boss, and Alison is forthright and unfeeling when rejecting advances.

Nye says he receives criticism that the show is not entirely real but Kate Isitt, who plays Alison, says the character is more true to life than is sometimes assumed. Having been a temp while looking for acting work, Isitt says she can sympathise with her character.

"When I read the part of Alison I thought, 'I know this girl so well'," Isitt says. "I hated most of the secretarial jobs I did and at 3pm it was all I could do to keep my head off the desk. A lot of secretaries feel like that, and those with any initiative can end up running an office for no thanks."

Isitt admits secretaries do not generally get a good press but says although her character is entirely self-interested, she is competent and gets the work done.

"People have this image of them powdering their noses, and there are those. But there are many secretaries running offices for their higher paid boss, so Alison's character can be misleading."

Isitt feels a responsiblity towards other secretaries for her character perpetuating a rather negative image, but says the programme is really too ridiculous to take seriously, and the type she plays does exist.

"There are facets of Alison in many young secretaries. As soon as the sun comes out, they take sick leave. But anyone who watches the programme for any kind of insight would be misguided."

Elizabeth Casperd, a secretary in a real solictors' office in Wiltshire, agrees. "To make the programme entertaining they have to go over the top. But we are in a very serious profession."

Aspects of the working world do filter through. Susannah Doyle, who plays Joy Merryweather in *Drop the Dead Donkey* (Channel 4), received dozens of letters from secretaries telling her their own positions were similar to her character's. Merryweather is efficient but resents being the office dogsbody, refusing to make anyone coffee and relieving her frustration by making fun of her colleagues.

"She embodies the outspoken secretary many would like to be but are afraid to be because they could lose their jobs," Doyle says. The only reason Joy gets away with being so brazen, says Andy Hamilton, one of the series' writers, is her proficiency.

Irene Sutcliffe, who plays Gloria, a secretary for a theatrical agency, in *The Ten Percenters* (ITV), creates a history for her characters.

"Gloria is a widow with no children, lives alone, has a dry sense of humour and thinks she runs the show. You have to know the kind of person you are, or you won't convince anyone else."

Anthea in *Men Behaving Badly* (BBC1), played by Valerie Minifie, is quite different. She tells her boss she cannot do an assertiveness training course because she had "planned to rearrange her apron drawer". But she is not a negative character, Minifie says, because she manages to hold her own.

The on-screen secretary never does much typing, nor does she work for only one person. Research carried out by Fastrack, an association for career-minded support staff, shows that since the traditional work of the secretary passed to computers, the office-wife syndrome has largely disappeared.

"Agencies are placing far more intelligent girls in secretarial vacancies because the marketplace has changed, and that is reflected on television," says Pam Callaghan of Fastrack.

Gail Cornish, corporate co-ordinator for the association and a secretary many years, says it is healthy to see television programmes portraying secretaries as strong women. She says: "There is much more for them now than years ago. They will no longer put up with having their bums pinched, whether real or fictitious."



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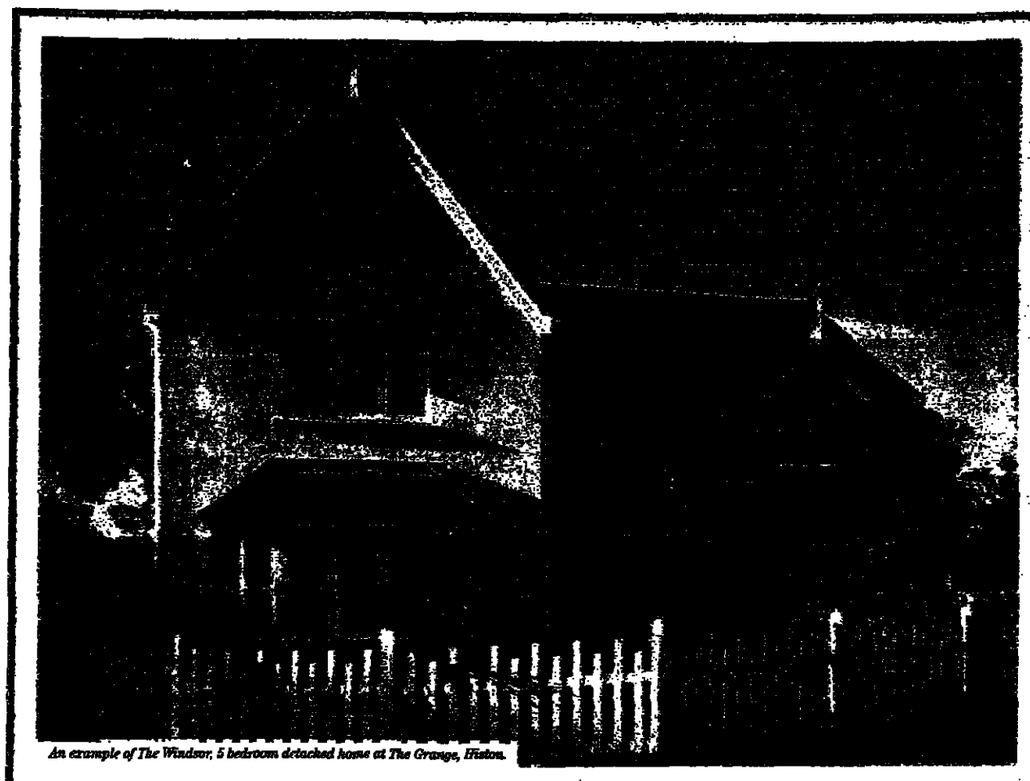
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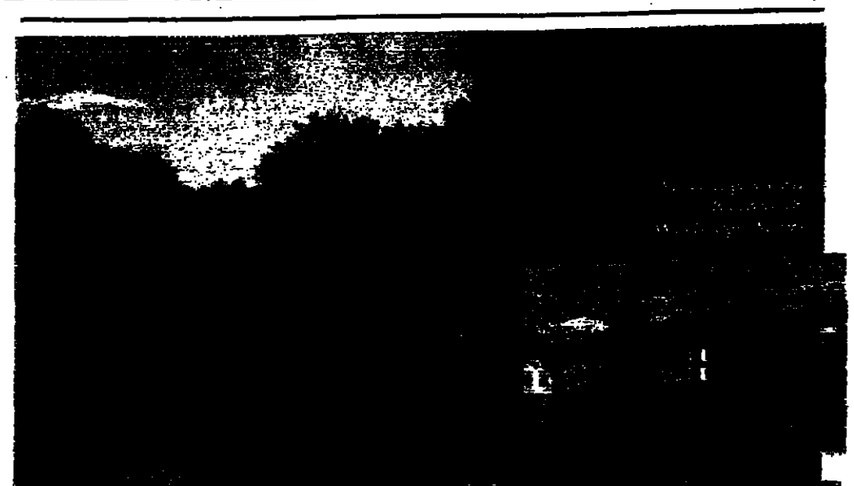
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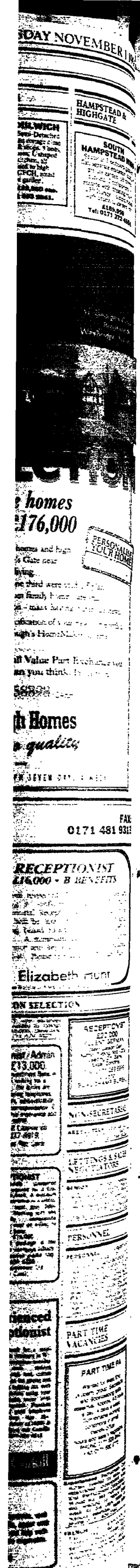
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Why a nanny flat is a home help

The 1980s were about investing, the 1990s about nesting.

Rachel Kelly explains why live-in nannies always know best

All recent surveys of the housing market — be they from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the National Association of Estate Agents or the Halifax Building Society — sing from the same hymn-sheet: family houses are still selling well.

While other types of property are proving hard to move, houses with four or more bedrooms are weathering the recession reasonably well, as long as they are in good condition, well decorated and correctly priced.

Their fortunes are rosier than those of the one-bedroom flats and typical "starter" homes that prospered in the 1980s.

David Holland of the builders, Wimpey, says that first-time buyers in the 1990s are delaying a purchase, skipping the first few rungs of the housing ladder to buy something closer to a family home.

Equally, the family house is outperforming the larger seven and eight-bedroom houses which did well in the 1980s, but which are now perceived as unmanageable.

For many middle-class families, a live-in nanny is an integral part of realising their dreams. The number of working women in Britain has risen by 700,000 in the past decade, and the British are top of the European working women's league table, according to government figures.

Since the early 1980s there has been a 50 per cent rise in the number of babies born to women over 35 who go back to work, either through fear of falling behind in their careers or out of financial necessity. For many couples, the only hope of paying for a private education for their children is for both partners to be in full-time employment.

Estate agents report that houses with separate accommodation for a nanny are proving top-sellers. Live-in nannies, charging around £150-£200 for a five-day week plus two or three nights' babysitting, and all board and lodging included, are often the only realistic option for professional women who cannot guarantee what time they will get home in the evening. Live-in nannies are also cheaper than those who live out.

Even so, working mothers must do their sums. A wife needs to earn more than £25,000 a year to make a live-in nanny worthwhile, assuming the accommodation is capable of being let out as a separate flat. Margie Coldrey, of the estate agents John D. Wood, calculates that a live-in nanny costs about £12,000 a year. If a woman earns £25,000 a year before tax, she will take home about £17,700, leaving her £5,700, or £110 a week, to spend. If you assume a rental income of £150-£200 a week from a self-contained central London flat, then the hidden costs of housing a nanny are revealed.

> 'A garden is a must, and a large kitchen with play area is a great help'

Angst-ridden working mothers look for the best nanny their pay cheque can provide, and the best nannies demand the best accommodation.

Tessa Mommersteeg is a qualified nanny and nursery school teacher. "When looking for a job, the house can be as important as the job itself," she says.

"A self-contained flat is the ideal but, failing that, most live-in nannies would expect their own bedroom and bathroom, and preferably another room to sit with friends or watch television."

But nannies don't just eye up their own rooms — the house itself, garden and surrounding neighbourhood are important, too. "A garden is a must, and large kitchen with play area is a great help. Most nannies would also prefer to be near playgrounds and facilities such as shops, swimming pools and bus or Tube routes," Ms Mommersteeg says.

Of course, such characteristics are equally important to their employers. But there is another ingredient, harder to define but considered essential in the best family houses up for sale. It is something redolent of the stories we read as children, from the Darlings' house in J. M. Barrie's *Peter Pan* to the Red House in E. Nesbit's *The Wouldbegoods*. Buyers want their own version of *The Darling Buds of May*.

In the country, this means space on the lawn for tennis, a walk-in pantry from which pies can be filched, and plentiful cupboards to store old cricket bats. In London, it means a shrubbery in the garden, neighbours to chat to over the garden wall, and plenty of cosy fireplaces.

Agents bemoan the lack of good family houses coming up for sale, both in and out of London. Winkworth, London's largest estate agent, says that family houses in the £150,000-£200,000 bracket are doing well in the classic stamping grounds of Putney, Wimbledon, Wandsworth and Acton, while four and five-bedroom family houses in Notting Hill and parts of Kensington have seen spectacular rises, of about 30 per cent, over the past two years.

Families are staying longer in their houses. John Wriglesworth, head of strategy at Bradford & Bingley, says that in the 1980s people bought houses for investing, but "the 1990s are about nesting, not investing".

People are buying with a view to staying put. This tendency could make for greater social cohesion — the 1980s habit of moving every five years was disruptive.

Now buyers hope and expect that their children will stay friends with their neighbours' for years, while the slower stream of properties coming on the market should high prices for a few years yet.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Custom-built for families

JO GREENISH (above), 35, is an interior designer who lives with her husband Damian and their two children, Freddie, four, and Louisa, one. Damian's two children by his previous marriage — Rupert, 12, and Adam, 10 — also visit their five-bedroom, three-bathroom Victorian semi-detached Battersea house.

Its layout and practicality make for an excellent family home and explain its almost instant sale by Foxtons last week for £272,000. On the ground floor there is a knock-through kitchen with a sitting area at one end, a dining room and smarter sitting room, which are all interconnected. Mrs Greenish can keep a weather eye on her children while she cooks and they play, while there is also a corner that is kept tidy for adult life.

Downstairs there is a separate mini-flat for Alma Jarasevic, the Greenishes' au pair. "The house works terribly well for a family and our au pair can go in and out at weekends and in the evenings and we won't hear her," says Mrs Greenish, who is planning to set up her own design company from their new home. "No one will be disturbed and that's much more relaxing for her, too. Both the nanny and the employer need freedom."

The Greenish family are hoping to move to a larger house with a bigger garden.

Where there's a Will

Stratford is to be rebuilt in Japan

A MINIATURE Stratford-upon-Avon, complete with tearooms, village green and maypole, is to be recreated in Japan by a British company.

Border Oak is building a £3.5-million "Shakespeare Country Park" at Maruyama, Tokyo Bay, inspired by three of the five key buildings at Stratford.

They include Shakespeare's birthplace, Mary Arden's House, where his mother lived, and New Place, where he lived from 1597 until his death. The buildings and a working windmill, a theatre and an English teashop are being constructed from English oak frames using traditional mortise and tenon joints at the company's workshops in Kingsland, near Hereford. The oaks are from Staffordshire.

The complex will include period trappings such as a lych gate, a maypole and gardens, using English plants and trees, illustrating Elizabethan horticulture. The houses will look almost exactly like their English equivalents, with similar layouts.

John Greene, managing director of Border Oak, says: "They will be the same size, the doors and windows will be the same shape and in the same place.

"We had a slight problem in that the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is covetous of its copyright. An Act of Parliament was passed last century to prevent commercial exploitation when the Barnum and Bailey Circus wanted to take down one of the cottages and rebuild it.

"Julian Bicknell, the London architect we are working with, tried to make a formal contract with the trust and when we went to do a survey we were told negotiations had broken down. But we have used slides of the buildings and took inspiration from those rather than producing slavish copies."

Roger Pringle, director of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, which is an educational charity, was not available for comment yesterday.

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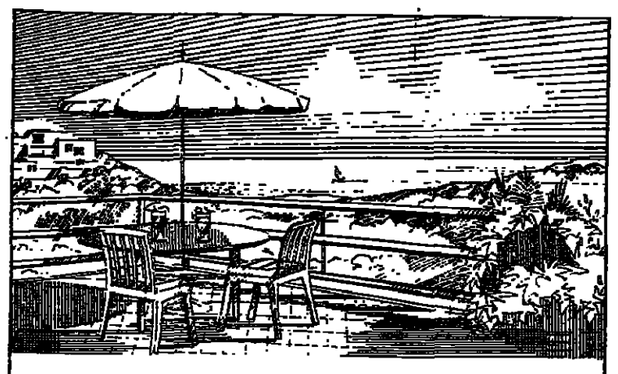
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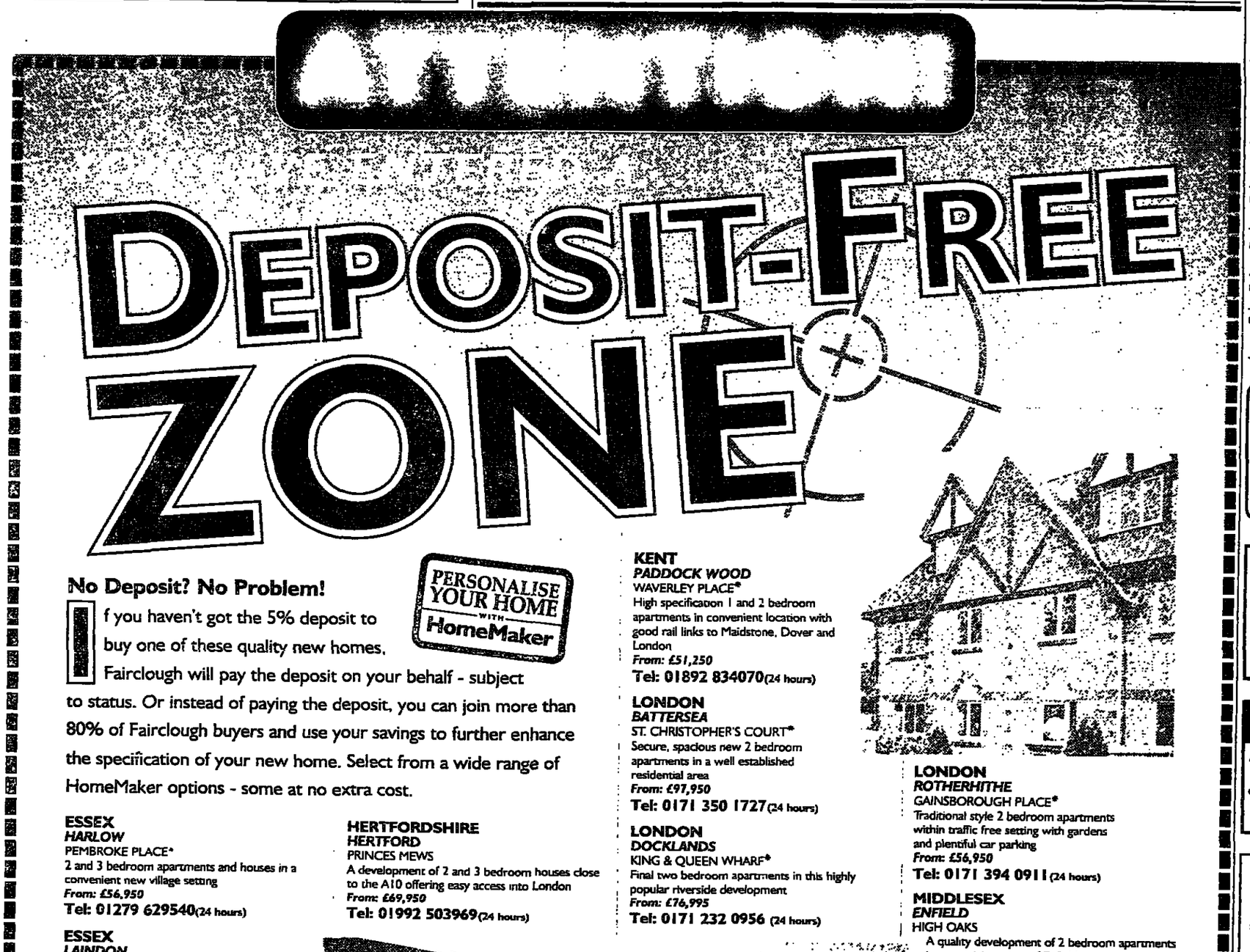
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Dettori teams up with Bullwinkle

The champion jockey faces a demanding schedule of jet-setting.

Julian Muscat reports

AFTER a saga lasting more than 24 hours, Lanfranco Dettori yesterday committed himself to ride in the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday. His mount will be Bullwinkle, the Adelaide Cup winner who recently caught the eye in his preparatory outing for Australia's most famous race.

Regular riding commitments to the John Gosden stable dictate that the Italian-born jockey must ride at Doncaster on Saturday before embarking on the journey to Melbourne. Gosden has Capias engaged in both the November Handicap, where he is scheduled to carry top weight, and the listed Serlby Stakes, over 12 furlongs.

The issue was further complicated by Dettori's requirement to ride for Gosden in Milan next Wednesday, when Committal, seventh in the Grand Criterium at Longchamp two weeks ago, turns out in the Italian equivalent. It makes for a tight schedule for the champion jockey, whose presence in Australia has been eagerly sought.

Further to the ride on Bullwinkle, Dettori has secured two other mounts on Melbourne Cup day, among them Red Rhythm in the Schweppes Stakes. Red Rhythm was to have been ridden by Pat Eddery, who is at present visiting friends in Sydney. And Eddery suffered another reverse when the former John Dunlop-trained My Patriarch, his intended Melbourne Cup mount, was withdrawn yesterday after failing to come through a crucial gallop.



Double Trigger (left) and Vintage Crop relax after working out at Sandown racecourse in preparation for next Tuesday's Melbourne Cup

In confirming Dettori's plans, his agent, Matty Cowing, said yesterday: "Whatever happens, Frankie must leave the racecourse straight after the Melbourne Cup (due off at 3.20pm local time). His flight leaves at 5.40pm and he should make it in time to ride Committal in Italy.

"Frankie was very keen to make the trip to Melbourne when I mentioned it to him," Cowing added, "but we first had to make sure we could be in Milan." Dettori rode Drum Taps into ninth place in the AU$2 million handicap two years ago. He is scheduled to arrive in Melbourne on Monday, which allows him 24 hours to reacquaint himself with the Flemington track.

Mark Johnston and Jason Weaver, the trainer and jockey of Double Trigger, are due in the city this morning. They will immediately journey to Sandown racetrack, where Double Trigger and the Irish challenger, Vintage Crop, have been happily ensconsed for two weeks. Both horses officially cleared quarantine yesterday, although they will remain based at Sandown, in the Melbourne suburbs, until the big handicap.

Vintage Crop, winner of the race two years ago, yesterday galloped at three-quarter speed over about 11 furlongs. Onlookers were much taken with the condition of the Dermot Weld-trained gelding. Weld himself is due here on Friday. On his arrival today, Johnston will receive a glowing report on Double Trigger's health from Jimmy Woodcock, who has attended the British stayers' triple crown winner since his arrival.

"The horse is now a little heavier than his ideal racing weight," Woodcock said. "He has travelled well and we couldn't ask for better facilities than we have been given."

Double Trigger's exercise programme has been stepped up since Saturday. The chestnut has been out for 90 minutes on each of the last four days and is scheduled to have his first serious workout at Sandown this morning.

Johnston's representatives here have been working to secure Weaver some rides at Flemington on Saturday, when some among the Melbourne Cup field will be in action in the Mackinnon Stakes over ten furlongs.

Fixture changes still on table

THE British Horseracing Board (BHB) and the Racecourse Association (RCA) took a guarded stance after the latest round of talks in the 1996 fixture list debate yesterday.

Paul Greeves, racing director for the BHB, did not rule out the possibility of changes to next year's fixture list, and maintained: "If improvements can be made which the RCA is happy with, there is a readiness to move to compensate for the downside of late changes to the 1996 fixture programme."

Morag Gray, planning director for the RCA, gave a similarly cautious response. "The subject [of changes to the 1996 fixture list] was discussed and the Board has made a number of recommendations and it is generally agreed that we will look at what might change. I think it would be fair to say we are not saying change is impossible but, from a racecourse point of view, we would hope that any changes would be minor."

Gray continued: "The subject of compensation for changes to next year's programme was raised as obviously fixtures, funding and some sponsors are already in place and any change can be damaging."

The latest bout of talks takes a fortnight's break with the BHB meeting to discuss the issue further on November 14. The Board will take its proposals to the Levy Board two days later.

Greeves insisted that there was no change to the central policy of the BHB and stressed: "Our policy remains that the fixture list has to be 'customer-friendly'. We accept that the off-course betting industry has raised several questions about Sunday, evening, summer jumping and the autumn Flat programme, but they were discussed with our '1997 fixture criteria' in mind. This is a long-term policy."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Redcar

Going: firm, good to firm in places

1.45 (6f) 1, HIGHBORN (K Darley, 15-8 fav, Thunderer's nap). 2, Seigneurial (A Clark, 10-1); 3, Tiler (J Reid, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Awayil, 9 Call Me I'm Blue, 12 French Grit (6th), 14 Champagne Grandy, King Rat (5th), Palacegate Touch, 25 Arcilo (4th), 500 Dauntless Fort. 11 ran. Hd, 1½l, 2l, 1l, 1¾l. P Felgate at Lisburn. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £20.90. Trio: £84.30. CSF: £21.52.

2.15 (7f) 1, MAGIC MILL (S D Williams, 7-2); 2, Apache Len (J Reid, 4-5 fav); 3, Doctor Bravious (M Fenton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Classic Beauty (4th), 9 Northern Motto, 14 Green Gem (6th), Patno (5th), 33 Strategic Ploy, 66 Marsayas. 9 ran. 2½l, 2l, 1¾l, 1½l, 4l. F O'Mahony at Dormansland. Tote £4.00; £1.50, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.80. Trio: £5.70. CSF: £7.48.

2.45 (1m 3f) 1, HAND WOVEN (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Eurolink Mischief (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 3, Vaugrenier (J Reid, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Contrafire (4th), 11-2 Kalamata (6th), 14 Dancing Destiny, Trumble (5th). 7 ran. Nk, nk, 2l, 5l, sh hd. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £9.40; £3.20, £2.70. DF: £30.90. CSF: £21.69.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, FAIRY KNIGHT (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Waham (M Henry, 16-1); 3, Guesstimation (S Drowne, 13-2); 4, Lam Fort (L Charnock, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Unprejudice, 13-2 Essayeffsee (5th), 8 Coureur, Hunza Story, 14 Bobanlyn, Efiza, 16 Imlak (pu), 20 Pine Essence (6th), 25 Bardia, Himalayan Blue, Rafter-J, 33 Castle Lad (pu), Northern Trove. 17 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1l, hd, 2½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £5.40, £1.00, £6.40. DF: £105.80. Trio: £353.00. CSF: £96.59. Tricast: £605.36.

3.45 (1m) 1, DAUNTING DESTINY (Dane O'Neill, 4-1); 2, Jerry Cutrona (J F Egan, 100-30 fav); 3, Tarry (G Carter, 5-1); 4, Cerise (P Fessey, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 La Finale (5th), 10 Phantom Haze (6th), 12 La Fandango, 14 Jimjareer, Lawnswood Captain, 16 Kenilworth Dancer, 20 Double Check, Influence Pedler, 25 No More Hassle, Tablets Of Stone, 33 Azzac Flyer, 66 Autotyr. 16 ran. Hd, hd, 1½l, 2½l, shd. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £1.90, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £8.30. Trio: £10.30. CSF: £18.73. Tricast: £68.48.

4.15 (5f) 1, BUNTY BOO (Dane O'Neill, Evens fav); 2, Don't Worry Me (K Darley, 13-8); 3, Portelet (G Duffield, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Lago Di Varano (4th). 4 ran. 3l, 3l, 8l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.89.

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1.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, BELL ONE (Peter Hobbs, 11-10 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tight Fist (J F Titley, 3-1); 3, Cracking Prospect (D Salter, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Gateway (6th), 10 Caspian Beluga (5th), 16 Wharfedale Music, 20 Amazing Air, 66 Mel Pen Rei (4th), Orchard Lady (pu), 100 Il Sauro (pu). 10 ran. 2l, 10l, 10l, 2½l, 12l. A Dunn at Minehead. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.30, £6.00. DF: £3.30. Trio: £37.60. CSF: £4.78.

2.00 (2m 3f hdle) 1, YES MAN (J F Titley, 11-4); 2, Little Hooligan (A P McCoy, 2-1 fav); 3, Daring King (P Hide, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 George Lane (6th), 7 Hightown Cavalier (4th), 25 Red Point (pu). 6 ran. 1¾l, 20l, 13l, 10l. Miss H Knight at Wantage. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.55.

2.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, PETER MONAMY (D Bridgwater, 9-4 fav); 2, Noble Ballerina (A Maguire, 4-1); 3, Gigly (Mr J L Llewellyn, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Lees Please, 15-2 Maybe Today (6th), 10 Lawbuster (4th), 33 Coastguards Haven (pu), Huish Cross (5th), 66 Ballyshela (f). 9 ran. 6l, 1l, 7l, nk, 12l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £8.90. Trio: £4.50. CSF: £11.55. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood. Bought in 2,000gns.

3.00 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, TRAVADO (J Osborne, 30-100 fav); 2, What's In Orbit (A P McCoy, 7-2); 3, Medinas Swan Song (A Tory, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 66 Starlap (4th). 4 ran. NR: Gha Gneuagh. 12l, 6l, dist. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.72.

3.30 (2m 3f hdle) 1, CHICKABIDDY (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2); 2, Koo's Promise (T Dascombe, 14-1); 3, Minster's Madam (W Marston, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Tamergale (4th), 11-2 Just Rosie (6th), Run Fast For Gold (pu), 6 Duizura (5th), 7 Evangelica (pu), 33 Alacue (pu). 9 ran. NR: Persistent Gunner. 1l, 9l, 7l, 15l, 8l. G Edwards at Minehead. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.20, £3.40. DF: £30.10. Trio: £23.70. CSF: £46.30. Tricast: £379.29.

4.00 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, CERTAIN ANGLE (G Tormey, 4-1); 2, Cool Character (B Powell, 33-1); 3, Polden Pride (A P McCoy, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Master Orchestra (f), 4 Celtic Laird (pu), 14 Bishops Castle (f), Fenwick, So Audacious (co), 20 Devlosity (pu), 50 Brora Rose (6th), Monks Jay (4th), 100 Castle Orchard (pu), Laura's Flutter (5th). 13 ran. 1l, 3l, 30l, 8l, 10l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £6.10; £2.90, £9.50, £1.40. DF: £47.80. Trio: £230.20. CSF: £113.28. Tricast: £399.16.

4.30 (2m 1f 110yd flat race) 1, SUPREME KELLYCARRA (L Aspell, 7-1); 2, Comedy Hour (E Murphy, 16-1); 3, Vallingale (G Ryan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Debbie's Darling, 7-2 Trelawneys Dream (5th), 4 Madam's Walk (4th), 9 Prestige Lady, 11 Ounag, 12 Choice Bar (5th), 14 Pevlova, 16 Country Choice, 20 Chester's Chat, 50 Millie's Model, 66 Margerys Gorse (pu), 100 Watercombe Spirit. 15 ran. 4l, 4l, hd, 4l, dht. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £9.40; £3.30, £3.20, £11.80. DF: £81.10. Trio: £419.50. CSF: £113.72.

Placepot: £7.90. Quadpot: £3.80.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GILPA VALU
(3.10 Kempton Park)

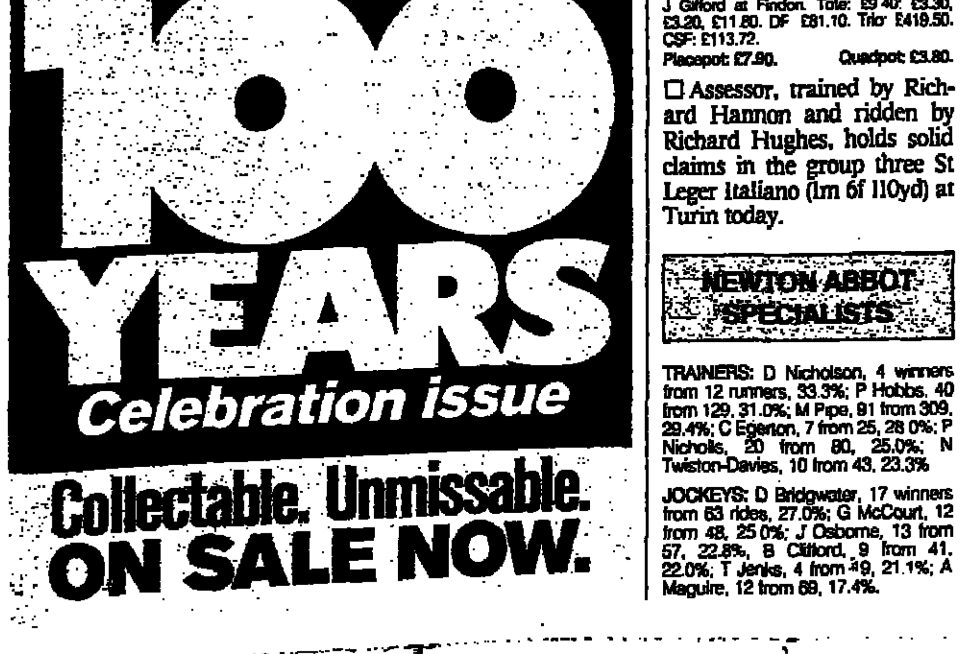
Next best: Nordic Valley
(2.40 Kempton Park)

□ Assessor, trained by Richard Hannon and ridden by Richard Hughes, holds solid claims in the group three St Leger Italiano (1m 6f 110yd) at Turin today.

NEWTON ABBOT SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; P Hobbs, 40 from 129, 31.0%; M Pipe, 91 from 309, 29.4%; C Egerton, 7 from 25, 28.0%; P Nicholls, 20 from 80, 25.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 10 from 43, 23.3%

JOCKEYS: D Bridgwater, 17 winners from 63 rides, 27.0%; G McCourt, 12 from 48, 25.0%; J Osborne, 13 from 57, 22.8%; B Clifford, 9 from 41, 22.0%; T Jenks, 4 from 19, 21.1%; A Maguire, 12 from 69, 17.4%.



HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

1.20 Vario. 1.50 Able Player. 2.20 Easthorpe. 2.50 Broctune Bay. 3.20 Desert Fighter. 3.50 Spanish Light. 4.20 Rachael's Dawn.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) — SIS

1.20 BIRCHFIELD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,738: 2m) (7 runners)

1 40F1 VARIO 29 (B) M Pipe 11-5 ... J Lower —
2 30 BUSHEHR 12 S Coathup 11-0 ... G Hogan (5) 90
3 CANTE CHICO 12F T Thomson Jones 11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald —
4 R HEATHYARDS ROCK 7 R Hollinshead 11-0 ... M W Martin (7) —
5 3 MR LOWRY 53 L Barratt 11-0 ... S Wynne 99
6 MILL THYME 95F Mrs M Reveley 10-9 ... P Niven —
7 0 SUNDAY MAIL TOO 37F Miss L Perratt 10-9 ... A Dobbin —

7-4 Mill Thyme, 2-1 Vario, 6-1 Mr Lowry, 8-1 Cante Chico, 10-1 others.

1.50 PRESTON AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,640: 2m 4f) (4)

1 32-0 DANCING RIVER 21 (C,F,G,S) N Chamberlain 9-11-12 ... Miss C Metcalfe (7) 92
2 110- MOONSHINE DANCER 16F (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-13 ... M H Naughton (7) 90
3 /05- TALL MEASURE 342 (D,F) D Swindlehurst 9-10-7 ... D Swindlehurst (7) 87
4 P-54 ABLE PLAYER 6 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 8-10-2 ... K Whelan (5) 99

10-11 Moonshine Dancer, 7-4 Able Player, 6-1 Dancing River, 14-1 Tall Measure.

2.20 CHEFS LARDER HANDICAP CHASE (£7,160: 2m) (3)

1 1-11 EASTHORPE 26 (D,F,G,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald 97
2 5-2R KINGS ENGLISH 29 (D,BF,G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-10 ... G Bradley 99
3 -F23 GESNERA 5 (F,G) J O'Shea 7-10-0 ... G Hogan (5) 70

4-6 Easthorpe, 11-8 Kings English, 14-1 Gesnera.

2.50 NISSAN FLEET HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,762: 2m) (4)

1 0F/ AQUINAS 495 (D,F,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-10 ... L Donnelly (7) —
2 180- BROCTUNE BAY 33F (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-9 ... P Niven 99
3 2221 MOST EQUAL 10 (D,F) M Pipe 5-11-9 ... J Lower 90
4 22/ BLAZON OF TROY 705 (D,F,G) T Thomson Jones 6-11-7 ... A Bates (5) —

4-6 Most Equal, 9-4 Broctune Bay, 5-1 Blazon Of Troy, 33-1 Aquinas.

3.20 WARRINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,306: 2m) (7)

1 R-21 DESERT FIGHTER 21 (F) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-11 ... P Niven 98
2 F4-1 SCILLY CAY 11 (F) G Richards 6-11-6 ... A Dobbin 96
3 2113 PLEASURE TRICK 6 (B,D,F,G) N Tinkler 4-11-1 ... M Dwyer 92
4 156 RUNRIG 33 (G) Miss L Perratt 5-10-12 ... F Perratt (3) 93
5 2152 FRONTIER FLIGHT 5 (D,F) Miss L Siddall 5-10-12 ... E Husband (5) 98
6 06-5 MILLIES IMAGE 54 F Murtagh 4-10-0 ... B Harding (3) 99
7 P-00 MOULTAZIM 27 R Price 5-10-0 ... R Supple 94

5-4 Desert Fighter, 9-4 Scilly Cay, 5-1 Pleasure Trick, 8-1 Frontier Flight, 12-1 Runrig, 25-1 Millies Image, Moultazim.

3.50 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £4,962: 3m) (2)

1 2-1U SPANISH LIGHT 5 (BF,F) G Richards 6-11-8 ... A Dobbin 99
2 4-25 BEATSON 25 (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 ... S Joynes 80

2-7 Spanish Light, 5-2 Beatson.

4.20 TRIPLEPRINT MARES ONLY INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,159: 2m) (6)

1 DAVWILTIMO D Moffatt 5-11-0 ... D J Moffatt —
2 0 GOOD VENTURE 53 L Lloyd-James 4-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald —
3 LIBRETTIST E Owen jun 4-11-0 ... R Davis —
4 MINNAMOO J Pickering 5-11-0 ... M Sharratt —
5 6- MUSICAL VOCATION 153 B Preece 4-11-0 ... G Hogan (5) —
6 3 RACHAEL'S DAWN 25 J Eyre 5-11-0 ... O Pears —

1-3 Rachael's Dawn, 6-1 Davwiltimo, 10-1 Musical Vocation, 14-1 Librettist, 16-1 Good Venture, 25-1 Minnamoo.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 29 winners from 104 runners, 27.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 8 from 29, 27.6%; N Twiston-Davies, 11 from 41, 26.8%; Mrs S Bramall, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M Pipe, 23 from 102, 22.5%.

JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; J Lower, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Dobbin, 6 from 32, 18.8%; P Niven, 8 from 43, 18.6%; M Dwyer, 17 from 96, 17.7%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 1.20 Vario, 3.20 Pleasure Trick.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

1.30 Goldenswift. 2.00 Poetic Fancy. 2.30 Act The Wag. 3.00 Dress Dance. 3.30 Persian View. 4.00 Martell Boy. 4.30 Absolutely Equiname.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) — SIS

1.30 ST AUSTELL BREWERY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,379: 2m 6f) (16 runners)

101 /61 GOLDENSWIFT 6 (D,G) G Balding 5-10-12 ... A P McCoy
102 P5/ AN BUCHAILL LIATH 784 G Ham 6-10-10 ... S Burrough
103 /26- BIETSCHHORN BARD 165 D Gandolfo 5-10-10 ... R Farrant
104 0/ BURLINGTON SAM 928 D Barons 7-10-10 ... Guy Lewis (3)
105 264- CAMP BANK 221 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 ... T Jenks
106 CHATTERTON G Balding 5-10-10 ... B Clifford
107 2- HATCHAM BOY 165 D Nicholson 5-10-10 ... A Maguire
108 JACK BOOTS N Dave 4-10-10 ... D Salter (5)
109 KING GIRSEACH K Bailey 6-10-10 ... A Thornton
110 0-53 MICK THE YANK 14 M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-10 ... D Gallagher
111 3 MR COTTON SOCKS 14 R Frost 7-10-10 ... J Frost
112 0- RIVER THRUST 221 O Sherwood 5-10-10 ... J Osborne
113 322/ TAKE THE BUCKSKIN 564 (G) T Thomson Jones 8-10-10 ... D Bridgwater
114 HOT DOG R Brotherton 5-10-5 ... L Harvey
115 F- MAGIC CAVE 358 A Jarvis 7-10-5 ... C Wallwork (7)
116 000- VOOLINO 165 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 5-10-5 ... R Greene

7-2 Goldenswift, 4-1 Hatcham Boy, 5-1 Camp Bank, 6-1 Mr Cotton Socks, 10-1 Bietschhorn Bard, King Girseach, Take The Buckskin, 12-1 others.

2.00 OLD TRAFFORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,989: 2m 1f) (15)

201 50-4 ALWAYS READY 54 (F,G) N Mitchell 9-11-10 ... Sophie Mitchell (5)
202 P033 CORRIN HILL 20 (D,F,S) R Hodges 8-11-10 ... T Dascombe (7)
203 4361 POETIC FANCY 13 (D,F) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-10 ... T Jenks
204 00P- WHITEBONNET 204 (B) C Egerton 5-11-8 ... J Osborne
205 P-U6 DURHAM 20 (B,D,G) R Simpson 4-11-5 ... D Gallagher
206 3P0- MAMALAMA 212 (F) I Jones 7-11-4 ... Miss E J Jones (7)
207 0-PP BOOGIE BOPPER 11 (V,C,D,S) M Pipe 6-11-4 ... D Bridgwater
208 45/3 CANDLE KING 32 (D,G) H Manners 7-11-1 ... G Brown
209 000/ DRAMATIC EVENT 530 (G) J Moore 10-11-1 ... W McFarland
210 500- COMMANCHE CREEK 142F (D,F) Miss J du Plessis 5-11-0 ... A P McCoy
211 04-P TROUBLE SHOOT 93 (BF) Mrs M McCourt 5-10-11 ... A Maguire
212 6F0- SUPERMICK 61F W Muir 4-10-8 ... M Richards
213 0635 QUICK MILLION 29 J Mullins 4-10-4 ... S Righton (7)
214 0PP/ UNSUSPICIOUS 511F P Rich 5-10-3 ... R Farrant
215 300- VERRO 103F K Bishop 8-10-0 ... L Harvey

2-1 Poetic Fancy, 5-1 Always Ready, 6-1 Corrin Hill, 8-1 Durham, 10-1 Boogie Bopper, 12-1 Trouble Shoot, 14-1 Candle King, 16-1 others.

2.30 RODGERS OF BRIXTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,013: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

301 012- ACT THE WAG 188 (F,G) A Turnell 6-11-0 ... P Carberry
302 204- DO RIGHTLY 198 M Bradstock 6-11-0 ... P Holley
303 321- MYLAND 193 (G) O Sherwood 5-11-0 ... J Osborne
304 111- PRINCE TEETON 212 (F,S) R Buckler 6-11-0 ... B Powell
305 0-13 SAME DIFFERENCE 7 (F,G,S) A Jarvis 7-11-0 ... A Maguire
306 554- STAGE PLAYER 240 (F,G) Miss C Caroe 9-11-0 ... I Lawrence
307 4/ TRICKSOME 198P (F,G,S) Miss H Knight 8-11-0 ... J F Titley
308 2-U0- WHYFOR 14 S Knight 7-11-0 ... D Salter (5)
309 RU4- DOC COTTRILL 193 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-13 ... T Jenks
310 135- OTTOWA 245 (G,S) P Nicholls 5-10-13 ... A P McCoy
311 /46- WOMAN OF THE ROAD 153 (G) G Ham 9-10-9 ... S Burrough
312 PF-F YES WE ARE 40 A Barrow 9-10-9 ... D Gallagher

4-1 Act The Wag, 5-1 Tricksome, Prince Teeton, 6-1 Myland, 7-1 Ottowa, 8-1 Same Difference, Doc Cottrill, 10-1 others.

3.00 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,697: 2m 1f) (12)

401 -222 TEEN JAY 18F (CD,F,G,S) R Stronge 5-12-0 ... B Powell
402 216- DINO MALTA 209 (S) D Nicholson 4-11-11 ... A Maguire
403 420/ DIAMOND CUT 958 (C,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-11 ... D Bridgwater
404 11-0 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 12 (F,G) D Williams 4-10-13 ... M Clarke (7)
405 253- THE MINDER 180 (D,S) G Edwards 8-10-6 ... D Salter (5)
406 422- DRESS DANCE 172 N Mitchell 5-10-5 ... Sophie Mitchell (5)
407 4-11 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 20 (D,F) R Baker 4-10-2 ... T Dascombe (7)
408 433- HOLD YOUR RANKS 188 (CD,S) R Frost 8-10-0 ... J Frost
409 1-6 NEVEROLD 18 (S) M Ahern 5-10-0 ... J Lodder
410 111- DAILY SPORT GIRL 180F (CD,G,S) B Llewellyn 6-10-0 ... Mr J L Llewellyn
411 212/ DANGER BABY 520 (D,F,G) B Llewellyn 5-10-0 ... Guy Lewis (3)
412 323/ YOUNG TESS 606 N Babbage 5-10-0 ... W Humphreys

9-4 Dino Malta, 7-2 Teen Jay, 6-1 Diamond Cut, 8-1 Dress Dance, 10-1 The Minder, Symbol Of Success, Daily Sport Girl, 14-1 others.

3.30 FAUCETS FOR BATHING SHOWERING AND HANDWASHING TEMPERATURE CONTROL NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,907: 3m 3f) (8)

501 0P3- NORMAN'S CONVINCED 151 M Pipe 5-11-12 ... D Bridgwater
502 4-40 ROOTSMAN 15 B Llewellyn 5-11-8 ... Mr J L Llewellyn
503 00-F ABAVARD 14 (S) R Frost 6-11-4 ... J Frost
504 540U FORCING TWO 11 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-4 ... T Jenks
505 0500 MIRAMARE 21 C James 5-11-4 ... G Upton
506 3-16 PERSIAN VIEW 5 (BF,G) K Bailey 5-11-4 ... A Thornton
507 6-5U PALACE PARADE 30 N Ayliffe 5-11-2 ... Mr J Culloty (7)
508 24R KING ACRYLIC 28 R Brotherton 4-10-10 ... L Harvey

2-1 Norman's Convinced, 3-1 Persian View, 5-1 Abavard, Forcing Two, 7-1 Rootsman, 8-1 King Acrylic, 14-1 others.

4.00 FAUCETS FOR FAUCETS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,873: 3m 2f 110yd) (10)

601 6-R3 SPECIAL ACCOUNT 6 (V,F,G,S) C Barwell 9-12-0 ... A Maguire
602 335- YOUR WELL 268 (G,S) S Earle 9-12-0 ... B Powell
603 6F0- THE BOILER WHITE 183 (F,S) T Thomson Jones 7-11-13 ... D Gallagher
604 1-13 CLEAR IDEA 40 (C,F,G) R Frost 7-11-8 ... J Frost
605 /12- MARTELL BOY 341 (S) P Nicholls 8-11-8 ... A P McCoy
606 422- KEANO 231 (S) P Hobbs 6-11-1 ... D Bridgwater
607 321- ESSDOUBLEYOU 279 (S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-10 ... R Greene
608 P52- ALLO GEORGE 189 (CD,G,S) A Newcombe 9-10-8 ... A Thornton
609 P3P- ROSE LANCASTER 189 (D,G) M Griffin 12-10-0 ... B Fenton (5)
610 -P34 MIRAGE DANCER 7 (F) Miss C Caroe 12-10-0 ... I Lawrence

11-4 Special Account, 3-1 Martell Boy, 4-1 Essdoubleyou, 6-1 Your Well, 8-1 Allo George, 10-1 Keano, 12-1 The Boiler White, 14-1 others.

4.30 FUTURE STARS STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,509: 2m 1f) (16)

1 1- CASTLE SWEEP 229 (S) D Nicholson 4-11-7 ... R Massey (5)
2 2- ABSOLUTELY EQUINAME 284 M Heaton-Ellis 4-11-0 ... D Gallagher
3 CAPTAIN COOKIE Miss C Johnsey 5-11-0 ... L Harvey
4 2- CAVALERO 189 H Manners 6-11-0 ... Mr A Charles-Jones
5 CONNAUGHT CRACKER P Hobbs 5-11-0 ... D Bridgwater
6 CYCLOPS N Ayliffe 5-11-0 ... M Foster
7 DANNY GALE Mrs M McCourt 4-11-0 ... G McCourt
8 GAGOOS BABY B Millman 5-11-0 ... D Salter (5)
9 JAC DEL PRINCE P Nicholls 5-11-0 ... A P McCoy
10 NEWS FROM AFAR Mrs S Williams 4-11-0 ... S Lyons (3)
11 STEER POINT R Frost 4-11-0 ... J Frost
12 0- SUPREME NORMAN 186 J Pickering 5-11-0 ... T Dascombe (7)
13 SUTHERLAND MOSS D Nicholson 4-11-0 ... A Maguire
14 KONGIES MELODY K Bishop 4-10-9 ... R Greene
15 LEDOM LARK R Baker 6-10-9 ... B Powell
16 3/3- PRIVILEGEDTOSERVE 214 K Bishop 6-10-9 ... M Moran (7)

3-1 Castle Sweep, 7-2 Absolutely Equiname, 5-1 Sutherland Moss, 8-1 Cavalero, 10-1 Connaught Cracker, 12-1 Privilegedtoserve, 16-1 others.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.40 Kalasadi. 2.10 SEOD RIOGA (nap). 2.40 Forgetful. 3.10 Charged. 3.40 Even Flow. 4.10 Karar.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 KALASADI.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

1.40 HIGGS HIGH FLYER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,346: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

1 2402-51 KALASADI 11 (B,D,F) (G Lobcon) Mrs J Doyle 4-11-3 ... S Curran (3) 99
2 EULOGY (N Cooper) R Rowe 5-10-10 ... D O'Sullivan —
3 0- NUPDOWN BOY 341 (M Worcester) N Chance 6-10-10 ... Mr R Johnson (5) —
4 11000-4 WISLEY WONDER 32 (G,S) (Wisley Golf Pnrs) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 ... C Maude 83
5 MAGALI (M Pmo) J Gifford 6-10-5 ... P Hide —
6 420224 TENAYESTELIGN 6 (G King) D Marks 7-10-5 ... J A McCarthy 89

BETTING: 5-4 Kalasadi, 5-2 Wisley Wonder, 4-1 Magali, 6-1 Tenayestelign, 12-1 Eulogy, 25-1 Nupdown Boy.

1994: LUCKY DOLLAR 6-10-10 N Williamson (100-30) K Bailey 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

KALASADI beat Sprung Rhythm 20l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, firm). NUPDOWN BOY 78l 8th of 14 to Feel The Power in novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good to soft). WISLEY WONDER 28l 4th of 15 to Mr Mulligan in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good). TENAYESTELIGN 11½l 4th of 15 to Dark Nightingale in novice handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: KALASADI

2.10 JOHNSONS INFLITE UP, UP AND AWAY NOVICES CHASE (£3,501: 2m) (7 runners)

1 21U01-1 SEOD RIOGA 12 (D,G,S) (S Tindall) S Mellor 6-11-10 ... Chris Webb (5) 94
2 53-2122 NOBLELY 12 (D,F,G,S) (D Cowgill) N Walker 8-11-6 ... J Railton 98
3 21251-1 REVE EN ROSE 13 (D,F,G) (M McMillan) M McMillan 9-11-1 ... J R Kavanagh 99
4 1/1605/ PERSIAN TACTICS 454F (G,S) (K Bailey) K Bailey 6-11-0 ... J Magee (3) —
5 1/00- REX TO THE RESCUE 287 (G) (F Gough) R Alner 7-11-0 ... S McNeill —
6 23112U SHIRLEY'S TRAIN 7 (BF,F) (Superset Two) P Hobbs 6-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
7 45400-5 VICOSA 32 (F,S) (Diamond Racing Ltd) R Alner 6-11-0 ... C Maude —

BETTING: 5-2 Seod Rioga, 11-4 Noblely, 3-1 Reve En Rose, 5-1 Shirley's Train, 6-1 Persian Tactics, 16-1 others.

1994: LEOTARD 7-11-10 J Osborne (4-9 fav) O Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEOD RIOGA beat NOBLELY (11lb better off) 6l in 7-runner novice chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). REVE EN ROSE beat Captain Khedive neck in 4-runner novice chase at Hereford (2m, good to firm). PERSIAN TACTICS dist 5th of 7 to Coin Machine in extended handicap hurdle at Killarney (2m 6f, yielding). SHIRLEY'S TRAIN unseated rider 3rd to Cyrill Henry in 7-runner novice handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). Previously 3½l 2nd of 12 to Ferrufino in novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). VICOSA about 12¾l 5th of 7 to Eskimo Nel in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good).
Selection: SEOD RIOGA

2.40 SPORTING LIFE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,723: 2m) (7 runners)

1 54-2F SCHNOZZLE 11 (A Kaplan) K Bailey 4-11-6 ... T J Murphy 78
2 113413 NORDIC VALLEY 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Pond House Racing) M Pipe 4-11-4 ... O Burrows (5) 98
3 0SP4-00 DESERT CHALLENGER 11 (B) (Andrews Freight Ltd) J Jenkins 5-11-2 ... C Rae (5) 87
4 P-P4263 ADDED DIMENSION 11 (Mrs T Winkworth) P Winkworth 4-11-0 ... D Leahy 79
5 112/124- FORGETFUL 9F (D,F,G) (The Equus Club) D Burchell 6-10-13 ... A Procter 90
6 F4U15F CAPTAIN TANDY 28 (D,F,S) (D Powell) J White 6-10-8 ... P McLoughlin 99
7 MANOLETE 34F (Miss J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 4-10-6 ... G Tormey —

BETTING: 9-4 Nordic Valley, 3-1 Forgetful, 9-2 Schnozzle, 5-1 Added Dimension, 6-1 Captain Tandy, 12-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SCHNOZZLE 7l 2nd of 7 to Let's Get Lost in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, firm) on penultimate start. NORDIC VALLEY beat King Of The Horse 2½l in 15-runner claiming hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, with CAPTAIN TANDY (6lb better off) 10¾l 5th. DESERT CHALLENGER 42l 7th of 8 to No Light in handicap hurdle at Towcester (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ADDED DIMENSION short-head and 1¾l 3rd of 9 to Layham Low in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, firm) with DESERT CHALLENGER (1lb worse off) about 31¾l 7th. FORGETFUL 10l 2nd of 8 to Barford Lad in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start, Oct 1994. CAPTAIN TANDY best recent effort beat Lawnswood Junior 1½l in conditional selling handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, firm).
Selection: NORDIC VALLEY

3.10 EVENING STANDARD EROS DASH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,485: 3m) (7 runners)

1 313F66- REPEAT THE DOSE 272 (F,G,S) (A Wates) T Casey 10-12-0 ... E Murphy 99
2 4F114-3 DUHALLOW LODGE 25 (G,S) (H Spack) C Barwell 8-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 90
3 40/UR3P- CYTHERE 193 (S) (K Carr) J Gifford 11-12-0 ... P Hide 87
4 404540- ANNIO CHILONE 193 (D,G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 9-11-10 ... L Aspell (7) 95
5 124PUF- YEOMAN WARRIOR 193 (S) (Mrs H Aiwen) R Rowe 8-11-7 ... D O'Sullivan 90
6 3-U3511 CHARGED 10 (F,G) (B Cooper) P Hobbs 6-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs 90
7 35F145- GILPA VALU 217 (D,S) (Miss N Thesiger) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-3 ... W Marston 98

BETTING: 7-4 Duhallow Lodge, 3-1 Cythere, 9-2 Charged, 7-1 Gilpa Valu, 10-1 Annio Chilone, Repeat The Dose, 12-1 Yeoman Warrior.

1994: YORKSHIRE GALE 8-10-6 N Williamson (100-30) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

REPEAT THE DOSE dist 6th of 7 to Sibendum in handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. DUHALLOW LODGE 14l 3rd of 5 to Ask The Governor in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good). CYTHERE 12l 3rd of 7 to Hillwalk in handicap chase at Worcester (2m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ANNIO CHILONE 28¾l 4th of 12 to Mr Flanagan in handicap chase at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. CHARGED completed double beat Coole Dodger neck in 6-runner handicap chase at Chepstow (3m 1f 110yd, firm). GILPA VALU best effort last term beat Full Of Oats 3l in 16-runner novice handicap chase at Huntingdon (3m, good to soft).
Selection: CHARGED (nap)

3.40 ACE CUP (Novice chase: £3,469: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 111222 SIMPLY GEORGE 12 (BF,F) (Keith Sturgis) J White 6-11-12 ... Richard Guest 99
2 05-F213 LAKE OF LOUGHREA 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs Harry J Duffey) K Bailey 5-11-8 ... R Dunwoody 90
3 U4F5-36 AEDEAN 12 (S) (M Orpen-Palmer) G Enright 6-11-3 ... J R Kavanagh 90
4 411263- EVEN FLOW 214 (S) (A A Wates) T Casey 6-11-3 ... E Murphy —
5 PP- LORD VICK 236 (Mrs S J Embiricos) Miss A Embiricos 6-11-3 ... J Ryan —

BETTING: Evens Simply George, 9-4 Lake Of Loughrea, 3-1 Even Flow, 10-1 Aedean, 16-1 Lord Vick.

1994: DUNDEE PRINCE 6-11-0 N Williamson (4-1) K Bailey 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SIMPLY GEORGE 2l 2nd of 5 to General Command in novice chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good to firm). LAKE OF LOUGHREA 9l 3rd to Seod Rioga in novice chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good) with AEDEAN (1lb worse off) 38l 6th. AEDEAN 11l 3rd of 7 to Hawaiian Youth in novice chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. EVEN FLOW 5l 3rd of 10 to Blessey in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: SIMPLY GEORGE

4.10 DENNIS PUBLISHING HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,485: 3m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 122111/ HAPPY HORSE 539 (D,F,G,S) (I Manning) R Hodges 8-12-0 ... A Tory —
2 31/3122- DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 347 (F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 13-12-0 ... R Dunwoody —
3 11-1322 JATHIB 12 (D,BF,F,G) (Horses For Courses RC) D Nicholson 4-11-8 ... Mr R Johnson 99
4 32113-4 KARAR 18 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 5-10-12 ... D O'Sullivan 95
5 20121-3 BORROWED AND BLUE 39 (F,G) (B Cooper) P Hobbs 5-10-10 ... Peter Hobbs 96
6 3F-1112 SHERIFF 54 (F,G) (C Brown) J Hills 4-10-9 ... S McNeill 91
7 P21333- WEE WINDY 182 (G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 6-10-8 ... P Hide 98
8 0613-03 ESPRIT DE FEMME 7 (F) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 9-10-7 ... T Grantham 91
9 131311 MOOBAKKR 28 (D,F,G,S) (I Guise) K Morgan 4-10-3 ... A S Smith 96
10 3216- MOUNTAIN REACH 151 (D,F) (G Wilson) C Mann 5-10-0 ... M Perrett 93

BETTING: 3-1 Moobakkr, 7-2 Jathib, 5-1 Sheriff, 6-1 Happy Horse, Borrowed And Blue, 8-1 Karar, Docklands Express, 10-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HAPPY HORSE beat Legal Beagle 10l in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good to firm) May 1994. DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 15l 2nd to Lusty Light in handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good). JATHIB 1l 2nd to Great Marquess in handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good). KARAR 23½l 4th of 6 to Jalcanto in handicap hurdle here (2m 5f, good to firm). BORROWED AND BLUE 10½l 3rd to Muskora in handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, good to firm). SHERIFF 1¼l 2nd to Amillionmemories in novice handicap hurdle at Worcester (3m, good to firm). ESPRIT DE FEMME 11l 3rd to Bures in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). MOOBAKKR beat Fearless Wonder 2l in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (3m, good).
Selection: DOCKLANDS EXPRESS

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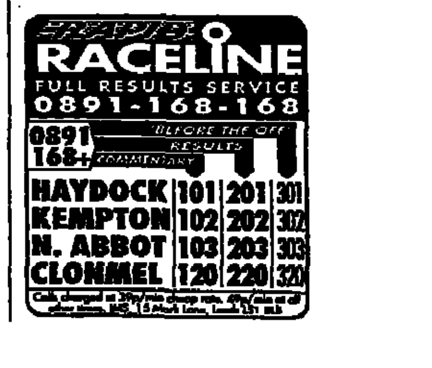
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Dubai bound

SHAHID and Ihtiram, both three-year-olds owned by Hamdan Al-Maktoum, left John Dunlop's Arundel yard yesterday for Dubai.

Angus Gold, Sheikh Hamdan's racing manager, said the pair are being despatched as part of a larger shipment. "Sheikh Hamdan takes out around 20 horses a year to race in Dubai," Gold said. "These two are just part of that group."



Champions still seeking first point

Blackburn eyeing Blinker to fill left-wing vacuum

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN go into to their match against Legia Warsaw at Ewood Park tonight knowing that it offers their last slim chance of retaining any interest in the European Cup this season, but Ray Harford has other European matters on his mind.

The Blackburn manager is going to Holland tomorrow to watch Everton play Feyenoord in the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup second-round tie.

Everton are Blackburn's next FA Carling Premiership opponents, but on this occasion Harford's decision does not reflect the parochialism of which his club is sometimes accused. He is also going to watch Regi Blinker, Feyenoord's Holland international winger.

While the final details of the signing of Graham Fenton from Aston Villa were being sorted out yesterday, Harford said that further signings are in the offing, adding, "and the next one may be a big one".

At £1 million, Blinker, who is 26 and has won four caps for Holland, is hardly that, but as a left winger he could prove a vital acquisition for Blackburn. Wilcox's long-term absence through injury having deprived them of a key element from the side which won the Premiership.

"We have never got our shape back since Wilcox went out of the team," Harford said yesterday. It's been modified all the time since he's been out. We had Witschge last year for a while, but we've never really had anybody to take his place. We've probably had five players this year trying to. We've been stuttering because we haven't got any left-footed width. We've been without Le Saux as well, so we haven't got a left-footer in the team."

Le Saux trained with the reserves yesterday, but he is not expected to take part today. Apart from the absence of a natural left-footed player, however, Blackburn go into the match this evening in good heart and better shape than their eleventh position in the Premiership might suggest.

Since their defeat by Legia in Warsaw two weeks ago, they have at last begun to play with some consistency. Harford believes that the 3-0 win over Chelsea last Saturday was their best performance of the season.

Importantly, they are at last spreading their goals around the team, with Sherwood and Newell both contributing, to ease the burden on Shearer. Since he won his place back at Watford a week ago, Newell has shown signs of re-establishing his partnership with Shearer. "They've played very well together in the two games," Harford said.

That also reflects that the team's confidence is coming back, and they are beginning to pass the ball with more conviction than at the start of the season. The introduction of Bohinen has played an important part in that, and although he is ineligible for the Champions' League, Harford hopes the side's growing confidence will mean his absence is not crucial. Warhurst, who played well in the role at Watford, is expected to replace Bohinen.

"Some of our passing was terrific and our movement really good against Chelsea," Harford said. "When you are playing well and are confident, you do pass it. And no matter what shape or what style you are playing, when you get into the final third, you have to pass the ball to create movement, to create gaps, to create chances."

Accurate passing and retention of possession are essential if Blackburn are to gain their first points tonight. They could hardly have a better opportunity as Legia are arguably their weakest opponents in group B.

"It would be disappointing to go through the whole tournament without getting a point," Sherwood, the Blackburn captain, said. "This is our chance — if we get off to a good start."



Le Saux, who is on the verge of returning to the Blackburn team after injury

Stubbs content to keep options open

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALAN STUBBS, the Bolton Wanderers defender, expects to sign a contract this week to stay at Burnden Park, yet speculation about his long-term future remains. Stubbs, whose ambition of a transfer to one of the leading clubs in the FA Carling Premiership evaporated earlier in the autumn, is insisting on a clause to allow his early release if he can revive interest.

Stubbs, who played in midfield for Bolton in the defeat of Arsenal on Monday, said: "I'm still ambitious — there would be something wrong with me if I wasn't — and I'm sure both sides will want certain clauses inserted."

Stubbs, an elegant centre half who had been linked with Arsenal, Blackburn, Manchester United and Liverpool, said, however, that he is ready to make a fresh commitment to Bolton. "It's a relief to get it settled. The club wanted to reward me from last year for helping to get them promoted. They offered me it about three weeks into the season, but the time wasn't right for me. Now we've spent a week discussing what will be in the contract and I hope it will all be settled by the end of this week."

Stubbs is preparing for a fresh start with the club he helped into the Premiership via the first-division play-offs last season. "Everything that went on unsettled me quite a lot and my mind wasn't on the job in the first few games of the season. It hurt as well with what some of the fans were saying. But if I put myself in their shoes, I'd feel the same. No one wants a club to sell their best players. I hope it's all been forgotten. They've been brilliant since I came back into the side."

Stubbs played a significant role as Bolton inflicted only the second defeat of the season on Arsenal, creating the only goal for John McGinlay and helping to tame the threat of Ian Wright and Dennis Bergkamp.

Magilton misses Austria tie

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JIM MAGILTON will be missing when Northern Ireland face Austria in the European championship group six qualifier in Belfast in two weeks' time. A blood clot in his leg has kept the Southampton midfield player out of the squad named yesterday by the manager, Bryan Hamilton.

The squad is, however, back to full strength in attack, with Iain Dowie and Keith Gillespie returning after one-match suspensions. Gillespie scored his first international goal in Northern Ireland's 2-1 win in Vienna last October.

Alan McDonald, of Queens Park Rangers, is also back to bolster his country's defence after missing two games through suspension and injury. The former captain may struggle, however, to regain his place. Barry Hunter and Colin Hill have played well together in his absence.

Michael O'Neill, the Hibernian play-maker who stood in for Magilton last month in the away win over Liechtenstein, is likely to do so again and Keith Rowland, of West Ham United, has been called in as cover.

One man hoping for a Northern Ireland victory is Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager. His team — who are one point ahead of Austria with one game left — play Portugal in Lisbon on the same evening and a win for Northern Ireland would see the Republic safely through to the European championship finals in England in June.

Hamilton, whose team cannot qualify, wants victory for his own sake. "It would be a nice way to sign off," he said.

SQUAD: A Fettis (Hull City), T Wood (Walsall), P McGibbon (Manchester United), B Hunter (Wrexham), Hill (Leicester City), A McDonald (Queens Park Rangers), M Hughes (West Ham United), K Rowland (West Ham United), I Dowie (West Ham United), K Gillespie (Newcastle United), N Worthington (Leeds United), S Lomas (Manchester City), N Lennon (Crewe Alexandra), P Gray (Sunderland), J Quinn (Reading), G McMahon (Tottenham Hotspur), M O'Neill (Hibernian)

Wounded pride lifts Rangers in attempt to settle score

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE power of sentiment will receive a severe test at Ibrox Stadium this evening. Rangers meet Juventus in a European Cup Champions' League tie and, having lost 4-1 in Turin a fortnight ago, are in a highly-charged frame of mind. It remains to be seen, however, whether deeply-felt emotion can bring more than superficial improvement against technically superior opponents.

Ever since that drubbing in the Stadio delle Alpi the comments of Rangers' players and management have bristled with references to self-respect and the need to make amends. Even Paul Gascoigne, who missed the trip to Italy through injury, announced yesterday: "This match is for the gaffer."

There was a late-night movie quality to the remark, recalling Ronald Reagan's line "win one for the Gipper" in the 1940 film *Knute Rockne, All American*. Football, though, does not often share Hollywood's penchant for the happy ending and it will be difficult for Rangers to inspire themselves to reach the levels of performance that looked so natural to Juventus in Turin.

The Rangers manager, Walter Smith, is normally suspicious of the gung-ho spirit of football in Britain, but even he shrugged aside the idea of adopting a methodical approach. "Patience," he said, "never has been much of a part of what we do in Scottish football. We must impose ourselves on the game. At no point did we do that in Turin and we were just bit-part players there."

The emphasis on spirit, heart and other nebulous concepts stems, above all, from the sheer lack of substance in the Rangers squad at present. At more distressed moments Smith must believe that those players not injured are suspended. For one reason or the other, Alan McLaren, Alex Cleland, Gordon Durie, Brian Laudrup, David Robertson and Craig Moore will all be missing this evening.

That casualty list may force Smith to abandon a new-season resolution. For the past few months he has persevered with a three-man defence but now must consider whether the nature of the players still available to him might make a traditional back four more sensible. There are, of course, many whose contempt for the display in Turin leaves them believing that Rangers' tactics are an irrelevance in any case.

Gascoigne bridles at some of the criticism to be heard within the game. After Aberdeen's Coca-Cola Cup victory over Rangers last week, for instance, the winger, Joe Miller, had predicted the decline of the Ibrox team. Gascoigne said: "When we lose games we are getting stick from people who are not even in the Champions' League. They should realise it is Rangers that make Scottish football what it is."

The assertion was rather grandiose, but it did suggest how strong Gascoigne's identification with the club has become. Rangers' need of him is just as intense and only the Englishman's skills, at their most persuasive, can help the Scottish champions to win the argument this evening.



Smith: rallying call

Juventus arrived in Glasgow with a squad free from injury but bruised after the 4-0 defeat by Lazio on Sunday. Referring to his principal forward, fit again after straining a hamstring, the Juventus coach, Marcello Lippi, did, nonetheless, declare: "Like [Gianluca] Vialli we will recover."

The club has lately been in the habit of following unsatisfactory results at home with excellence in Europe. It is a pattern that threatens to unravel Rangers' hopes.

RANGERS (probable; 4-4-2): A Goram — S Wright, R Gough, G Petric, J Brown — C Miller, S McCall, P Gascoigne, I Ferguson — A McCoist, O Salenko.
JUVENTUS (probable, 4-3-1-2): A Peruzzi — C Ferrara, P Vierchowod, S Pomini, M Torricelli — A Conte, P Sousa, D Deschamps — A Del Piero — G Vialli, F Ravanelli.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Andrew Robson played this hand well in a Premier League match.

Dealer East — East - West vulnerable — IMP's

North: ♠Q9 ♥J1043 ♦53 ♣A10652
West: ♠KJ752 ♥Q97 ♦A102 ♣43
East: ♠A643 ♥8 ♦KJ8 ♣KQ987
South: ♠108 ♥AK652 ♦Q9764 ♣J

W	N	E	S
Sheehan	Forrester	Senior	Robson
—	—	1♠	1♥
1♠	3♥	4♠	5♥
Double	All pass		

Contract: Five Hearts doubled, by South. Lead: Five of Spades

My One Spade bid over South's One Heart showed a five-card suit. As we were playing negative doubles, if I only had four spades I would have doubled One Heart. Forrester's Three Hearts bid was pre-emptive. As Senior knew I had five spades, he had enough to bid game.

Now Robson saved in Five Hearts. It was a good move — he might be able to get out for three off and it might persuade me to go Five Spades, which would have been beaten by a club ruff. As it happened, I had a particularly obvious double, so Five Hearts doubled was the final contract.

I led a spade to the ace, won the spade return and switched to a club. Robson won and ducked a diamond to me, and I continued with another club. Robson ruffed and played a second diamond; East won and played a third round of clubs. Robson ruffed with the ace of hearts, ruffed a diamond in dummy and returned to hand with the king of hearts. He could now gauge that East was 4-1-3-5, so he ran winning diamond through me to get out for three off — a good save against Four Spades making. Our teammates at the other table went four off in the same contract.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short's success

Nigel Short is heading for an outstanding result in the international tournament at Horgen, Switzerland, and is likely to finish ahead of the world champion, Garry Kasparov. An indication of Short's fine form was his win as Black against the top Dutch Grandmaster, Jan Timman. Short sacrificed a piece for a slashing attack. In the final position, faced with the threat of . . . Rd1 closing the net around White's king, Timman capitulated.

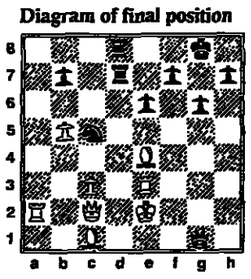
White: Jan Timman
Black: Nigel Short
Horgen, October 1995

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Qc2	d5
5	cxd5	Qxd5
6	Nf3	Qf5
7	Qd1	c5
8	e3	cxd4
9	exd4	Ne4
10	Bd2	Nc6
11	a3	Bxc3
12	bxc3	Bd7
13	Qc2	Rc8
14	Bd3	Nxd4
15	Nxd4	Qxd2+
16	Kd1	Nc5
17	a4	Qxg2
18	Re1	Qxh2
19	Be4	g6
20	Re2	Qg1+
21	Re1	Qg3
22	Re3	Qd6
23	Nb5	Bxb5
24	axb5	0-0
25	Rxa7	Rfd8
26	Ra2	Qf4
27	Ke1	Qh4+
28	Ke2	Qh2+
29	Ke1	Rd7
30	Bc1	Qg1+
31	Ke2	Rcd8

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Howell wins

James Howell, the British international master, won the Owens-Corning tournament at Wrexham Maelor with the excellent score of 6½ out of nine, finishing ahead of foreign grandmasters such as Istvan Csom, of Hungary, and David Bronstein, of Russia.

Staunton dinner

The annual dinner of the Staunton Society to honour Britain's greatest player of the 19th century, Howard Staunton, and raise money for a memorial to him at Kensal Green Cemetery, will be held on November 6 at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. If you wish to attend, please contact Barry Martin (0181-995 3516).

Times book

All games of the world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (quote 5/655).

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Juninho answers Brazil's call

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE jet-set introduction of Juninho, the Brazil forward, to English football will continue when he flies out to represent his country after making his FA Carling Premiership debut for Middlesbrough against Leeds United at the Riverside Stadium on Saturday.

Juninho, who was signed from São Paulo for £4.75 million, will represent Brazil against Argentina in Buenos Aires next Wednesday after the Middlesbrough manager, Bryan Robson, reluctantly accepted his new acquisition was committed to play in the international match.

Robson had attempted to persuade Juninho that his interests would be better served by remaining in England to appear in the Coca-Cola Cup third-round replay with Crystal Palace at Middlesbrough the same night. But Robson said yesterday: "Juninho is committed to the international match and we must respect that.

"All Brazilian players in Europe are going back for the game. We will adapt a common-sense policy over future internationals."

The Middlesbrough manager had wanted Juninho, who had arrived back on Teesside only last week after a flight lasting 20 hours, to avoid another exhausting flight to South America.

The four-match suspension imposed on Roy Keane, the Ireland midfield player, may prove a blessing in disguise for Manchester United. The club will use the time to treat the chronic injury, possibly a hernia, that has been plaguing Keane. United want the problem finally remedied and a specialist will determine whether he needs a second operation this year.

If surgery is performed after the game at Arsenal on Saturday, Keane's last match before starting the ban, he may be able to return for the Boxing Day encounter with Newcastle United, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, at Old Trafford.



Keane: chronic injury

However, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "We have to consider the Republic of Ireland in this. Roy and the Irish have a very important European championship qualifier in Portugal on November 15. If there is a possibility that the injury is a hernia then maybe we'd better get it done now. But the last time the specialist saw Roy he still didn't think it was. The specialist will review the situation, although we have not yet planned for Roy to see him."

Keane was suspended after his second dismissal of the season, against Middlesbrough on Saturday, and will be ruled out of United's attempt to reclaim the Premiership title until December 9.

European venture beckons England

BY SARAH FORDE

THE England women's football team returns to the international scene tonight for the first time since their World Cup quarter-final defeat by Germany in the summer. Seven uncapped players have been included in the squad for the match against Italy at Roker Park, Sunderland, which commences their European championship qualifying campaign.

The coach, Ted Copeland, delayed naming his side until today, but seemed likely to call upon the services of Kerry Davies, Debbie Bampton, and Sian Williams, the three members of the squad who have experience of the Italian game, having played there in teams where some of the top players are semi-professional.

An injection of sponsorship money into the women's game in the 1980s helped the development of a strong league in Italy and enhanced their international status as one of the top European teams. Recently the national side has had less success, failing to qualify for the World Cup in Sweden earlier this year, but Bampton believes the teams are evenly matched. "They've had the edge over us in the last few years and they're fast and technically very good. The standard of play when I was in Italy [seven years ago] was much better than over here but, while we've been catching up, they've stood still".

England's five-day preparation, and their confidence in a new era which sees the blending of a team possessed of youth and experience, should give them a springboard from which to launch their campaign tonight, whatever the opposition.

ENGLAND (probable): P Cope (Millwall Lionesses), K Pealling (Arsenal), T Mapes (Croydon), K Davies (Croydon), D Bampton (Croydon), G Coulthard (Doncaster Belles), S Williams (Arsenal), K Burke (Everton), M Spacey (Arsenal), K Walker (Doncaster Belles), K Farley (Hammerby IF)

Gold medal clinches award for Fox-Pitt

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

WILLIAM FOX-PITT, a member of the Britain three-day event team which won the gold medal at the Open European Championship in Italy last month, has been awarded the Tony Collings Memorial Trophy for the most successful British horse trials rider this season.

Fox-Pitt, 24, who was presented with the trophy by John Tulloch, chairman of the Horse Trials Group at their annual conference at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire yesterday, has had an oustanding season, finishing on a total of 789 points. His two most notable successes were winning the British Open Championship at Gatcombe in August on Sir Michael Turner's Chaka and the team gold in Italy on Cosmopolitan — owned by Hackett, the clothing firm, and Mr and Mrs Andrews — where he also finished sixth individually.

Cosmopolitan, Fox-Pitt's successor to Chaka, who is now retired and hunting with the Grafton, gained the highest number of points (380) of any British horse during the season. His selection, at the age of only eight, for the British team at the European Championships followed his win at Bramham in June — his first three-star event.

Fox-Pitt, who flies today to South Africa to compete in the Cape Town Regional Championships, has become a leading contender for the team which will compete in the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year.

Bridget Parker, the chairman of selectors, said that she intends to announce a full list of contenders later this month when owners have confirmed the availability of horses.

HORSE TRIALS GROUP WINNERS: Tony Collings Memorial Trophy: W Fox-Pitt. Calcutta Light Horse Trophy: Mr and Mrs Frank Andrews and Hackett. Wide Awake Trophy: C Ormrod. Edy Goldman Trophy: S Cuttendge. Martin Whiteley Trophy: L Kemplay. The Sir John Burder Trophy: L Jennings. Hubert Allrey Trophy: K Duckett

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ANABIOSIS
a. Retreat to the sea
b. Revival
c. Vivisection

RESIPISCENCE
a. Fishing by net
b. Renewal
c. Recognising error

BALLADROMIC
a. Singing and dancing
b. To do with troubadors
c. Seeking a goal

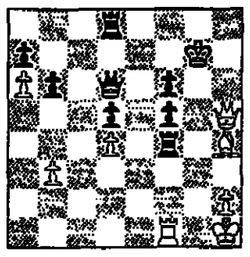
NYCTOPHONIAC
a. Talking at night
b. Murderous
c. Sleep-walking

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Anand, Intel World Championship, Game 14 1995. Although White has a promising attack it looks as though Black has got things under control because he can meet 1 Rg1+ with 1 ... Rg4. How would White generate sufficient play to force a draw?



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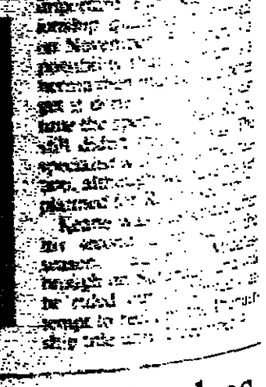
... traditional back four more ... sensible. There are, of course, ... many whose contempt for the ... display in Turin leaves them ... believing that Rangers' tactics ... are an irrelevance in any case. ... Gascoigne bridles at some ... of the criticism to be heard ... within the game. After Aberdeen's Coca-Cola Cup victory ... ever Rangers last week, for ... instance, the winger Joe ... Miller, had predicted the de... cline of the Ibrox team. Gascoigne said: "When we lose ... games we are getting stick ... from people who are not even ... in the Champions' League. ... They should realise it is Rangers that make Scottish football ... what it is."

The assertion was rather grandiose, but it did suggest how strong Gascoigne's identification with the club has become. Rangers' hostility to him is just as intense and ...



Smith: rally ...

...azil's call



...medal clinches
...d for Fox-Pitt

...y MacARTHUR

... successor to Chalke who is ... now retired and hunting with ... the Grafton, gained the high ... est number of points (600) of ... any British horse during the ... season. His selection for the ... age of only eight for the European ... Championships followed his ... win at Bramham in June – ... his first three-star event.

Fox-Pitt, who flies today to ... South Africa to compete in the ... Cape Town Regional Championships has become a leading contender for the team ... which will compete in the ... Olympic Games in Atlanta ... next year.

Bridget Parker, the chairman of selectors, said that she intends to announce a full list of contenders later this month ... when owners have confirmed ... the availability of horses ...

Rowell's blueprint may stay under wraps



Rowntree: neck injury

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE new broom expected to sweep through the England rugby union team today may remain in the Twickenham cupboard a while yet. Casualties in the national squad preparing for the meeting with South Africa at Twickenham on November 18 are so high that the management, who met at Marlow last night, may postpone the announcement that was expected this morning.

Any encounter with the world champions carries all kinds of excess baggage and England, on the verge of a new era, must choose from strength. But recent training meetings have been hampered by the number of players unavailable. At Marlow last Sunday, for example, one third of the 29 players in the squad could not train.

They included key personnel such as Will Carling, the prospective captain, Mike Catt, the Bath stand-off half, and Graham Rowntree, the Leicester prop, who has a neck injury. With Jason Leonard only recently returned from injury, England want to be sure of their first-choice front row against so strong a scrummaging side as South Africa.

It is a frustrating sequence of events, alleviated only by the fact that the South Africans have themselves been forced to make a front-row change: Balie Swart, the Transvaal prop, is injured and his place will be taken by a newcomer, Toks van der Linde, of Western Province.

But there is no reason for England to hurry into the selection of a team which, arguably for the first time, should bear Jack Rowell's specific imprint. It is Rowell's contention that, when he become the England manager in March 1994, he inherited Geoff Cooke's team at a time when it was too late to make fundamental change for last summer's World Cup.

Now is his hour; Dewi Morris and Rob Andrew have quit the scene, leaving the half-back partnership vacant. Tony Underwood is recuperating after a knee operation and the management intends to include a genuine open-side flanker.

Any thoughts about remaining with the old guard this month and experimenting against Western Samoa in December have therefore been blow away. Indeed, preparations for the 1999 World Cup start with this team, even though several significant personalities — Carling, Rory Underwood, Brian Moore — will not be there. Once you change such fundamental an areas as half back, you declare the way you hope to play and, if Catt receives the nomination for the No 10 shirt, other areas of the side fall into place.

That a strong Bath thread will run through the chosen XV would be no great surprise, given their sustained domination of English club rugby and Rowell's knowledge of players he coached before taking up his England role. But the inclusion of Catt ahead of David Pears, of Harlequins, would leave scope for Jonathan Callard at full back and Andy Robinson at flanker.

It would be a high-risk selection for Catt does not yet control a game from stand-off in the way an international incumbent should, but his is a running game. Other players would respond to his promptings, his perceptions of space, and none better than those who know his style and whose positions on the field are designed to substantiate it — Callard and Robinson.

Callard also answers the need for a reliable goalkicker to replace Andrew. A man who can kick the kind of pressure penalty such as that which beat Scotland in 1994 at Murrayfield must be capable of holding down the national place rather longer than the brief flirtation awarded him by Cooke during the 1993-94 season.

Seven members of the England squad are in a party of 29 to prepare for London's meeting with Western Samoa at Twickenham on November 29 and the CIS divisional championship. But Blackheath, of the Courage Clubs Championship second divison, will be delighted to see their scrum half, Mike Friday, also included.

Toulouse beat Farul Constanta 54-10 in the opening game of the inaugural rugby union European Cup competition in Romania yesterday. Emile Ntamack and David Berty scored two tries each for the French club champions.

IN BRIEF

Torrance answers call from Georgia

COLIN MONTGOMERIE, who on Sunday finished top of the European Order of Merit for the third consecutive season, has withdrawn from the Sarazen World Open golf championship at Braselton, Georgia, this week, pleading exhaustion.

"Unfortunately, the last few weeks have taken their toll and have left me absolutely exhausted, both mentally and physically," Montgomerie said.

Sam Torrance, who finished runner-up in the money list after a long duel with his fellow Scot, will take Montgomerie's place in the event, partnering John Daly, the Open champion, and Ernie Els, the World Match Play champion, in the first round.

Dropped set

Tennis: Wayne Ferreira, the first seeded player in action at the Paris Open, lost the second set to Richie Reneberg, of the United States, before advancing to the third round yesterday. The South African wasted a match point at 5-4 in the second set before regaining control. Another American, MaliVai Washington, beaten by Thomas Muster in the final of the Essen tournament, rallied to beat Todd Woodbridge, of Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Prean backs out

Table tennis: Carl Prean, the national champion, has refused to play for England in the European Super League match against Austria at Leeds today, claiming that he cannot compete in the same team as Chen Xihua, who, Prean claims, assaulted him during the world championships in China five months ago, an allegation strongly denied by the former Chinese international.

Smooth sailing

Yachting: Samantha Brewster, who is attempting to set a non-stop, east-west solo circumnavigation record, expects to be across the Bay of Biscay by this evening, having made an excellent start to the 27,000-mile voyage in her 67ft yacht, *Heath Insured*. She has until Good Friday next year to break Mike Golding's 1994 record of 161 days.

Bears win again

American Football: Erik Kramer threw two touchdown passes and the Chicago Bears limited division rivals Minnesota to 70 yards rushing in a 14-6 victory over the Vikings on Monday, their fourth win in succession.

Bates tires of flying the flag for Britain

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

ON THE stage where he has become accustomed to reimposing his domestic authority, Jeremy Bates, the former British tennis No 1, yesterday announced his impending retirement from the game. On the opening day of the national championships, the holder of a dozen titles confirmed that he is to bring his career to an end after Wimbledon next year.

The decision was predictable once his status in the world had fallen to the level where he no longer automatically qualified for prestigious tournaments. That point was reached, poignantly, on Monday when his ranking descended to No 147, lower than three of his compatriots.

Virtually on his own, Bates has carried the weight of British expectations, particularly in the Davis Cup and at Wimbledon, since he became the nation's No 1 in 1988. He maintained that position until Greg Rusedski was imported from Canada five months ago.

At the age of 33, Bates is no longer prepared to endure the extensive travelling required. He has always found flying to be an unnerving experience and confessed that he has not been averse to checking an airline's record in order to assess the odds of safely reaching his destination.

He recalled in particular the rigours of a flight lasting almost 16 hours from London to Osaka three years ago. He was upgraded to business class, a section in which there was only one other passenger — Paul Daniels, the magician.

Married in 1992, Bates became a father last year. He intends to spend more time at home where, he estimates, he has been present for as little as one month in every 12. "That was one of the pivotal reasons," he disclosed yesterday. "You are forced to keep playing because that's the way the system works."

On reflection, he believes that the highlight of his career was his triumph last year in Seoul, where he became the first Briton to win an ATP tour event since Mark Cox in Helsinki in 1977. He considers his best performances to have been in the Davis Cup, in which he won half of his 36 singles rubbers.

His brightest memories of Wimbledon, the venue which he found most disquieting even as a junior, centred on two summers. In 1987, he won the mixed doubles title with Jo Durie, who, like him, has competed in all 13 national championships.

Five years later, he beat Michael Chang, who was seeded, on his way to reaching the last 16, the first Briton to do so for a decade. He insisted that the peculiar pressures of domestic rivalry, limited though it has been throughout his lasting supremacy, have brought out the best in him.

Six times the singles champion, Bates has not lost in the national championships at Telford for four years. Six times the doubles champion, he has suffered only 11 defeats in a total of 94 matches. For too long his dominance was challenged but, in the twilight of his own career, he now faces a genuine threat.

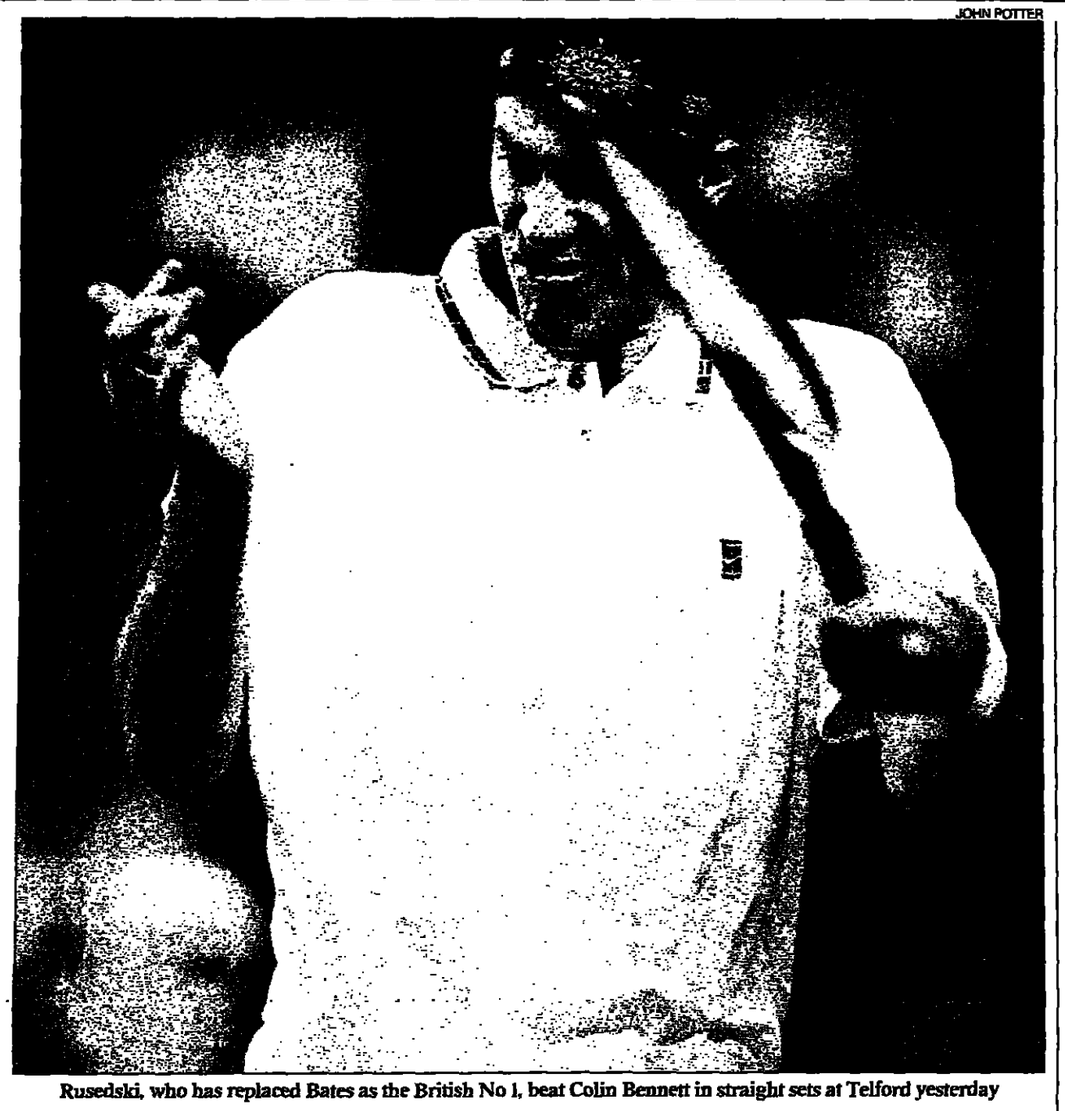
Rusedski, Tim Henman and Mark Petchey, all of whom went through to the second round in straight sets, are ahead of him in the world and, therefore, in Britain. Bates, who starts competing today against Nick Weal, has not yet ruled out the possibility of returning for this event next year.

As he "winds down" over the next nine months, he is to consider his future options. He foresees being attached to the game, perhaps in the media, as a coach or in management, but already recognises that he will miss the stimulation of performing in big, crowded arenas.

Not all of his experiences have been pleasurable. He recalled playing "awfully" in a Davis Cup-tie in Romania in 1990 and, at home against the same opponents last year, he lost to a 17-year-old novice after holding three match points in the third set.

When asked to reveal his worst moment, he needed little time for thought. "Being deported from Nigeria," he replied instantly. He paused momentarily before adding: "Then again, I suppose that was one of the best."

JOHN POTTER



Rusedski, who has replaced Bates as the British No 1, beat Colin Bennett in straight sets at Telford yesterday

Britain in fine fettle for South Africa trip

Great Britain	5
Russia	0

BY ALIX RAMSAY

GREAT BRITAIN entered the final stages of their preparation for the Olympic qualifying women's hockey tournament yesterday by overwhelming Russia at Bisham Abbey. All five goals were scored by Scots.

It was the first of three hastily-arranged internationals before the competition begins in earnest for a place in Atlanta. On Sunday, the squad leaves for South Africa, where they will play the United States and Korea. The qualification tournament begins on November 16.

Sue Slocombe, the Britain coach, believes the squad is stronger than ever before. "In the past, I felt that we have lacked mental toughness and that we needed to look for players with real grit," she said. "I was worried about the strength of our tackling, but now we have a strong defending group."

It took Britain four minutes to get off the mark through Sue Fraser, who put her penalty corner strike away via a deflection from the Russian goalkeeper, Gulsum Musina.

Pauline Robertson made it two ten minutes later. Unmarked in front of goal, she picked up a pass from Jane Sixsmith on the right and had a simple task to score. Just before half-time, she netted her second.

After the break, it was Sue McDonald's turn. She scored her first from a penalty stroke, nine minutes into the half, having been flattened by Musina. A minute from time she knocked in the rebound from a penalty corner after Fraser's lob had hit the bar.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Chicago 14 Minnesota 6.

ATHLETICS

DUBLIN: Marathon: Men: 1, M Musyoki (Ken) 2hr 16min 57sec. Women: 1, T Thomson (GB) 2:38:21.

CRICKET

PERTH: Tour match (final day of four): Western Australia 402-5 dec (M Hussey 146, B Hogg 101 not out) and 189-7 dec (Saqlain Mushtaq 5-39); Pakistan 164 (Moin Khan 56, Salim Elahi 54) and 226-8 (Ramiz Raja 84, Basit Ali 69).

CYCLING

TOUR OF CHINA: Third stage (3.5km circuit of Shanghai, 70km): 1, J Planckaert (Bel) 1hr 32min 35sec; 2, A Pizlis (Let); 3, F Rodriguez (US); 4, F Colonna (It); 5, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb); 6, V Ekimov (Russ) all same time. Overall positions: 1, S Hegg (US) 5:47:30; 2, D Nardello (It) at 35sec; 3, M McCarthy (US) 4; equal 4, N Ahl (US), G Randolph (US) and A Bishop (US) 7.

FOOTBALL

GERMAN CUP: Quarter-final: FSV Lok/Altmark Stendal 0 Bayer Leverkusen 0 (aet, Leverkusen won 5-4 on pens).

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Bolton Wanderers 1 Arsenal 0.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Third division: Doncaster Rovers 2 Cambridge United 1.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Second replays: Gravesend and Northfleet 4 Marlow 0; Kettering 1 Bromsgrove 2

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First round, second leg: Worcester City 4 Halesowen Town 1 (agg 4-3).

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Final, first leg: Sligo 1 Shelbourne 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 0 West Ham 4; Chelsea 0 Crystal Palace 1; Millwall 3 Watford 1; Swindon 1 Queens Park Rangers 1; Tottenham 1 Portsmouth 0. League Cup: Cheltenham 1 Cardiff 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle 3 Wolverhampton 1; Oldham 1 Everton 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth RN 1 Eastleigh 2

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 1 Kidsgrove 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Leicester 10 Nuneaton 0, Barnet 7 Leighton 1. Second qualifying round: Port Vale 1 Hudders field 1

GOLF

US PGA MONEY-LIST (US unless stated): 1, G Norman (Aus) $1,654,959; 2, B Mayfair 1,543,192; 3, L Janzen 1,378,966; 4, C Pavin 1,340,079; 5, S Ellaington (Aus) 1,254,352; 6, D Love 1,111,999; 7, P Jacobsen 1,075,057; 8, J Gallagher, Jr 1,067,241; 9, V Singh (Fiji) 1,018,713; 10, M O'Meara 914,129; 11, D Duval 881,436; 12, P Stewart 866,219

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: Shah Cup: Germany 1 New Zealand 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Colorado 6 Dallas 1; Winnipeg 3 Detroit 2; Vancouver 4 San Jose 3.

RUGBY UNION

European Cup
Pool A

Farul Constanta	10	Toulouse					54

Farul Constanta: Try: Foca. Conc: Florea. Pen: Florea. Toulouse: Tries: Ntamack 2, Berty 2, Cester, Castagnede, Ougier, Carbonneau. Cons: Deylaud 7
(in Bucharest)

SNOOKER

MARSASCALA, Malta: Rothmans Grand Prix: First round: D Roe (Eng) bt J Grech (Malta) 5-3

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE: Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 1 ICI Herts 2 (Lingfield names first): R Eyles bt C Walker 16-17, 15-13, 15-12, 15-9; S Meads lost to D Hems 7-15, 12-15, 2-15; M Harris lost to M Chaloner 8-15, 15-12, 15-9, 9-15, 7-15. Cgmore Valley Dragons 2 Jim Hall Sports Northern 1 (Dragons names first): M Cairns bt J Nicolls 15-13, 15-13, 5-15, 15-9; D Evans lost to P Johnson 13-15, 15-11, 12-15, 10-15; C van der Wath bt A Gough 15-8, 15-10, 11-15, 15-11.

TENNIS

TELFORD: Guardian Direct British National Championships: Men: First round: N Gould (Avon) bt R Matthewson (West of Scot) 6-2, 5-4; D Ireland (Lanc) bt D Ward (Kent) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; T Sparkes (Norfolk) bt N Baglin (Ches) 6-4, 6-2; G Saffery (Berks) bt A Osterreith (Kent) 6-4, 6-7, 8-2; T Henman (Oxon) bt I Bates (Herts and IoW) 6-2 6-4; G Rusedski (unattached) bt C Bennett (Here and Worc) 6-2, 6-1; A Richardson (Linca) bt N Jones (Here and Worc) 6-4, 6-4; M Weal (Surrey) bt G Hobbs (Dor) 6-2, 6-3, C Pridine (Fr) bt M Gustafson (Swe) 6-2, 6-4. Women: First round: J Pullin (Sussex) bt S Tse (IoM) 6-4, 6-2, J Choudhury (Cambs) bt C Lyle (Warwicks) 6-1, 6-2; J Dawson (Sussex) bt F Lishman (Northumberland) 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; A Wainwright (Essex) bt S-A Siddall (Dor) 6-3, 6-2, J Durie (Avon) bt L Woodroffe (Surrey) 6-3, 6-2; A Janes (Essex) bt P Palmer (East of Scot) 6-3, 7-5, S Smith (Essex) bt K Roubanova (Berks) 6-3, 6-2

PARIS: Men's tournament: First round: H Leconte (Fr) bt A Knickstein (US) 7-5, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt B Kerbacher (Ger) 6-1, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt O Ogorodov (Uzb) 6-4, 6-3; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt A Volines (Fran) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; M Washington (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 4-6, 6-4, 8-2; G Forget (Fr) bt J Golmard (Fr) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; D Vacek (Cz) bt P McEnroe (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1. Second round: W Ferreira (SA) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; T Martin (US) bt H Jan Davids (Hol) 6-3, 6-4.

OAKLAND: Women's tournament: First round: V Williams (US) R Nideffer (US) 6-2, 6-1, A Frazier (US) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-4, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-3, 7-6; A Sugiyama (Japan) bt C Cristea (Rom) 6-4, 6-4; L Wild (US) bt R Grande (It) 7-6, 7-6, K Po (US) bt A Temesvari (Hun) 6-1, 6-4

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: First round: L Raymond (US) bt N Arandt (US) 6-2, 6-4; L Courtois (Bel) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-4, 6-1; J Halard (Fr) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-6, 6-2; R Simpson (Can) bt P Hy-Boutais (Can) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; D Monami (Bel) bt A Serra-Zanetti (It) 7-5, 7-5.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup Champions' League
Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
FC Porto	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Nantes	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Aalborg	3	1	0	2	3	6	3

Panathinaikos v FC Porto
Aalborg BK v FC Nantes

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak Moscow	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Legia Warsaw	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Rosenborg BK	3	1	0	2	5	8	3
Blackburn	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

Spartak Moscow v Rosenborg
Blackburn v Legia Warsaw

Group C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
B Dortmund	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
S Bucharest	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Rangers	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

Steaua Bucharest v Borussia Dortmund
Rangers v Juventus

Group D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
Real Madrid	3	2	0	1	8	2	6
Ferencvaros	3	1	0	2	5	11	3
Grasshoppers	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

Grasshoppers Zurich v Ajax
Ferencvaros v Real Madrid

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Notts County v Brentford (7.45)
Third division
Mansfield v Lincoln (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: First round, first leg: Rushden and Diamonds v King's Lynn. First round, second leg: Dudley Town (2) v Stourbridge (4); Pagel Rangers (3) v Leicester United (0)

ICIS LEAGUE: Third division: Lowos v Wealdstone.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Farsley Celtic v Worksop Cup: Second round: Leigh v Albion.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Bristol City (3.0). Norwich v Ipswich, Oxford Utd v Charlton; Southampton v Brighton; Wimbledon v Luton (2.0). League Cup: Newport v Birmingham (7.45)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Bolton (at Halifax, 7.0). Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester Utd (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Leicester (7.0); York v Port Vale (7.0)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth v Cwmbran, Barry v Afan Lido; Caernarfon v Bangor City (7.45); Cormaes Bay v Porthmadog; Llanelli v Inter Cardiff, Conwy v Llansantffraid; Rhyl v Flint Town

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: D'Brien/Mcdonzzie Butchers Cup: Second round: London Colney v Potters Bar.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Cowes Sports v Bemerton Heath.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hassocks v Mile Oak.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Stamford; Northampton Spencer v Newport Pagnell; Raunds v Cogenhoe, St Neots v S and L Corby.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Second round replay: Bournemouth v Mid-Oxon (at Victoria Park). English Schools Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Staffordshire v Nottinghamshire (at Northwood Stadium, 7.15). Hobbs Cup: Vale Of White Horse v St Albans (at Didcot FC). Woodward Cup: Manchester v Sefton (Belle Vue, 7.0)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Pool C
Milan v Leinster (1.30)
Pool D
Munster v Swansea
(at Thomond Pk, Limerick, 2.30)

CIS insurance tour match
Treorchy v Fiji (2.30)

Under-21 county championship
Midlands
Pool one
Leicestershire v East Midlands
(at Leicester, 7.15)
Pool two
North Midlands v Notts, Lincs and Derby
(at Moseley, 7.15)

Representative matches
Surrey v Middlesex
(at Imber Court)
Somerset v Dorset and Wilts
(at Weston-super-Mare)

Tipp-Ex county championship
Cambridgeshire v Essex
(at Sholfi)
Norfolk v Suffolk
(at North Walsham)

CLUB MATCH: Percy Park v Newcastle (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Stones Championship
Bradford v Castleford (KO 7.45)
London Broncos v St Helens
(at Harlequins RFU)
Oldham v Workington
Warrington v Halifax

First division
Batley v Keighley
Featherstone v Rochdale
Salford v Wakefield
Whitehaven v Dewsbury
Widnes v Hull

Second division
Bramley v Barrow
Doncaster v Highfield
(at Doncaster Rvs)
Hull K R v Carlisle

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Women's International: Great Britain v Russia (Bisham Abbey)
TENNIS: Guardian Direct National Championships (Telford).

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
CHARITY: THE ANNIE RYLANDS MEMORIAL TRUST
(LODGE OF PROBITY NUMBER 61)
SCHEME INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES
REFERENCE: MOT/28585K/15616/LCD(LDN)

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Speechly Bircham, Bouverie House, 154 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2HX (Ref: DJW/SEM/171507) or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission, St Alban House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the reference above.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Bequest of Colonel W F W Clegg Deceased in connection with Church of England's Homeless Shelters
Scheme to provide for the application of bequest
Ref:MOT/30600B4/13610/1/CDL(LND)

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LEGAL NOTICES

BARDSEY PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the above Company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on Thursday 9th November 1995 at 10.65 a.m.
The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the Company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on 7th and 8th November 1995 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse, Dept. MDG, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX by 12 noon on 8th November 1995 and claims must be made in writing and be made to the same address.
By order of the Board
London & European Secretarial Limited Secretary
30th October 1995
Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring 01737 766300 extension 2584 to obtain the necessary forms.

The Insolvency Act 1986
B.MAGUIRE BUILDING SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charlemagne Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 25th October 1995.
M. R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
The Former Theacher's House adjoining Leigh Church of England Voluntary Controlled School in the County of Wiltshire
WHEREAS:-
(1) The Trustees of Leigh Church of England Voluntary Controlled School hold the land described in the Schedule hereto under a Conveyance dated 12th March 1896 and made by John Mullings in favour of the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish of the Leigh in the County of Wilts and their successors. The said Conveyance was made under the provisions of the School Sites Acts upon trust for use as and for a School for the education of children and adults, or children only, of the labouring and manufacturing and other poorer class in the Parish of the Leigh aforesaid and as a residence for the teacher or teachers of the said School. On ceasing to be used for those purposes there was a provision for reverter of the land.
(2) The land has ceased to be so used and by virtue of Section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 has become subject to a trust to sell the land and to pay or apply the net proceeds of sale and of the net rents and profits until sale upon trust for the persons who would for that Act would from time to time be entitled to ownership of the land by virtue of its reverter.
Now the Trustees give notice as follows:-
1. The Trustees propose to apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under Section 2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 for an Order establishing a Body with respect to the property subject to the said trust which will:
(a) extinguish the rights of the beneficiaries under the trust; and
(b) require the Trustees to hold the said property on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the order
2. Any beneficiary under the trust who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the said Trustees c/o Osborne Clarke Solicitors, 30 Queen Charlotte Street, Bristol BS99 7QQ (reference JMH/298428) within three months from today.
SCHEDULE
ALL THAT piece or parcel of land situate fronting upon the main road at Leigh in the County of Wiltshire TOGETHER WITH the former Teacher's House and outbuildings erected thereon or on some part or parts thereof.
Dated this 1st day November 1995.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM
DIRECT TECHNICAL SERVICES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: Amber Drive, Langley Mill, Nottingham
Company Number: 1906760
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 17 October 1995 L K Denney and P Rhodes were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding-up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference: ASHKEN.
P Rhodes
6 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2LP

No. 005949 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF LITTLEWOODS ORGANISATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 26th October 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £285,759,895 to £269,927,617 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 27th October 1995.
Dated this 27th day of October 1995
Alsop Wilkinson of 11 St James's Square, Manchester M2 6DR. (Ref: AH/JM/O-4698.476). Solicitors for the above-named Company.

Carden Construction (Sittingbourne) Limited
IN LIQUIDATION
RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Mr. Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Carden Construction (Sittingbourne) Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 27th October 1995.
DATED this 27th day of October 1995
Michael William Young, Liquidator.

MERIDIAN HOUSE PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 21 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Nigel John Hamilton-Smith and David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD were appointed to act as Joint Administrators of Meridian House PLC by an order of the High Court of Justice dated 23 October 1995.
N J HAMILTON-SMITH AND D J MASON, JOINT ADMINISTRATORS
DATED this 24th day of October 1995.

NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Name of Company: London Stadium Hackney Limited
Number of Company: 2742570
Former name of Company registered in last 12 months: FleetFoot Racing Limited
Full name(s) of administrative receiver(s): ALAN JOHN BARRETT, ANTHONY VICTOR LOMAS
Address: PRICE WATERHOUSE, NO.1 LONDON BRIDGE, LONDON SE1 9QL
Date of Appointment: 26 October 1995
Appointor: Bank of Scotland
Nature and date of instrument conferring power to appoint: Debenture dated 5 October 1993
Short description of assets of the company (if any) to which appointment does not apply: None
Signed this 26 October 1995
Alan John Barrett, Joint Administrative Receiver
AZB5/MQ/YARSLO1/101LE

No. 005847 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
In the matter of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 18 October 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £12,000,000 to £10,300,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 27 October 1995.
Dated this 27th day of October 1995
TAYLOR JOYNSON GARRETT Solicitors for the above-named Company of
Carmelite
50 Victoria Embankment
Blackfriars
LONDON EC4Y 0DX
Ref: AMB/LEY
Tel: 0171 353 1234

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CELLTRONICS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above Company will be held on 10 November 1995 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5EA, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charlemagne Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 25 day of October 1995.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P JONES, DIRECTOR.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES
TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE
0171-782 7344
OR
FAX: 0171-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

THE WOOD VENEER CO. (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 hours on 16th November 1995, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to me at the address given above, no later than 1200 hours on 15 November 1995, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and
(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 25 October 1995
M. R. DORRINGTON, Administrative receiver

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice dated this 27 October 1995.
PALMER COWEN, 16 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6AE (ref AG) Solicitors for the said Executors.

GODDARD, Mrs Ann late of Sunnyside Hospital, Ashby Road, Barwell, Leicestershire, formerly of 13 Aylestone Drive, Leicester. Died 21st April 1995. Particulars to Philip J. Hammond & Sons, Solicitors of 47 Friar Lane, Leicester LE1 5QN (Ref: KMC) before 6th January 1996.

re VIVIENNE PERRIN Deceased
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925
Notice is hereby given that any person having a claim or an interest in the estate of Vivienne Perrin late of 29 Farnsworth Close, Thornton Dale, Pickering, North Yorkshire is hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claim to PALMER COWEN of 16 Berkeley Street, London W1 as solicitors for Alison Rebecca Ellis and Ronald Nesfield Meggeson, the Executors of the said estate on or before the 31st day of December 1995 after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice dated this 27 October 1995.
PALMER COWEN, 16 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6AE (ref AG) Solicitors for the said Executors.

Injury to Martin forces delay on England selectors

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON
IN EAST LONDON

ENGLAND await a fitness report on Peter Martin, the Lancashire fast bowler, before they announce the team to play Border in a four-day game starting tomorrow. Martin, a pre-tour replacement for Richard Johnson, of Middlesex, cracked the ring finger of his right hand last week in the day-night game against Eastern Transvaal at Springs.

Even if he is absent, however, it is unlikely that Devon Malcolm will play. Malcolm, around whom most of the news has revolved in the first week, is thought to be in line for the third and final four-day game before the first Test match, against a South Africa A side in Kimberley.

Martin played in the first three Tests last summer against West Indies before turning his ankle in a Sunday league game. His unofficial role on this tour is "Gus's ghost", a stand-by for the reliable Angus Fraser, who will provide the steadiness at one end as Dominic Cork (certainly), Darren Gough (probably) and Malcolm (possibly) blast away at the other.

When the series begins there is only one game between each of the Tests and the last two, at Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, are played in successive weeks over Christmas and the new year. Anybody who does not achieve some sort of rhythm now, therefore, will have little time to gain it later.

Cork and Gough, who missed the match at Soweto, will play here. Mark Ilott, the left-arm swing bowler, is likely to be the third fast bowler if Martin's injury precludes his selection. The pitch will be flat, like all the pitches England can expect to encounter except, possibly, those at Pretoria and Johannesburg.

England have yet to decide whether to go into the match with five batsmen, as they did in Soweto, or six. Mark Ramprakash is down to bat at No 3 and Robin Smith, who has yet to discover any sort of form, will get another chance to find it. With Graham Thorpe returning to a middle order in which he is now the one fixed asset, it may be a game Graeme Hick misses.

Border go into it on the back of a heavy home defeat, by an innings and 80 runs, against Natal. Peter Kirsten, the former Derbyshire batsman, made 147 out of 277 in their second innings as Malcolm Marshall, the Natal captain, ran through them. Of greater interest to the South Africa selectors was the seven-wicket haul Shaun Pollock took in the first innings.

Malcolm's talent menaced by meddlers

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Devon Malcolm "has just one asset — pace. That apart, he is a nonentity in cricketing terms." Words from Peter Lever, the England bowling coach.

Poor old Dev. Just one asset — pace. Terrible thing, that, for a pace bowler. I suppose Shane Warne has one asset — spin. Brian Lara has one asset, bat-speed. And David Gower, another much reviled and much-dropped cricketer, had one asset, timing.

How appalling it must be for an athlete to have but a single talent. Linford Christie has one asset, and that too is pace. Never get anywhere with limitations like that.

All right, ball games are more complicated than track and field. Terry Venables prefers Alan Shearer, a good all-round forward, to Les Ferdinand. Quite right too. Ferdinand has just one asset. Scoring goals.

The same was true of Gary Lineker, and that is why he had to go. Graham Taylor substituted him for the great Alan Smith. Well, you don't want to go grubbing around for sordid things like goals, do you?

But one's heart goes out to Dev. He has become the Aunt Sally of the half-baked. In the summer he was the principal butt of that grubby piece of racism in the magazine, *Wisden Cricket Monthly*. And now the England management has made a vast public meal of the fact that Malcolm hasn't re-modelled his bowling action at their behest.

Graeme Hick has submitted to the re-modelling of his batting style again and again, till he became a fretful self-caricature at the crease. He is only now emerging from the shadows of the well-meaning helpers. Severiano Ballesteros, a man more coached against than coaching, was an untamed natural force at golf — at least, until the gurus got to him.

Perhaps the England cricket management need reminding that Malcolm possesses the sixth-best bowling return in Test match history, with his famous nine for 57 against South Africa at The Oval in 1994. And that *Wisden* (the almanack, not the magazine) making him on of their five cricketers of the year, said that he "always will be a raw quick bowler, who will remain indebted to his county colleague [Phil] Russell for encouraging him to bowl as fast as possible."

The fact is that Malcolm's notorious unpredictability is as much an asset as a handicap. On that glorious afternoon against South Africa, the batsmen's terror was magnified by the bowler's lack of perfect control. Nobody, but nobody, knew where the next ball would go, the bowler least of all. But all knew it would be quick. How quick? Real quick.

What Malcolm does is unpredictable; *when* he does is it is still less amenable to control. He is not consistent. He is a mood-surfer. Sometimes the force is with him, sometimes it is not. In every game, there are players of every game like that.

Ricky Villa, of Tottenham Hotspur and Argentina, was just a such a man. "Ossie, I don't feel like it today," he would say, though no doubt in Spanish, to his friend and colleague, Ardiles. It might be the biggest occasion of the season, it might be a nothing match: if he didn't feel like it, he didn't feel like it. It was beyond his and anybody else's control.

But some days, he would say: "Ossie, I *feel* like it today." And that force, that now-you-see-it-now-you-don't force, that gift that is as frustrating to its possessor as to his coaches and colleagues, would be upon him. And it brought perhaps the finest and most dramatic goal in the history of the FA Cup, the mazy dribble in the replayed final against Manchester City in 1981.

Oh yes, that sort of thing drives a coach wild — at least, a certain type of coach. The kind known also as the Control Freak.

And what they hate above all things is the player who has all the talent, but no consistency. Their dream is to turn the unpredictable force into something grooved and controllable. To cut across the grain of temperament.

But no one hounded Derek Pringle and bade him snap out of this wily medium pace stuff and be a wild man. (In fact, Pringle tried it for a season and scored about a million no-balls.) No one said to the Spurs stalwart, Gary Mabbutt, why can't you score goals like Ricky?

Of course, there are people who are capable of reaching the Malcolm/Villa plain of excellence on a consistent basis. There is a name for that kind of player, and that is genius. Malcolm Marshall, Pelé.

You run a team by accepting that people are what they: and then trying to maximise that. Simple principle: hard execution. For a start, it involves the abnegation of control, the abnegation, in short, of power. Solution: pick yes-men, trundlers, midfield terriers, malleable mediocrity.

Moral: control is the enemy of excellence.



Malcolm, above, watched by the England coaches Edrich, front, and Lever later listens to Lever's ideas on fast bowling. Photographs: Graham Morris



RADIO CHOICE

Case of the killer books

Just a Part of the Furniture. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

There are all sorts of bookcases and book repositories in Claire Jenkins's non-bookish feature. One was a killer. It was the one the 19th-century French composer Valentin Alkan accidentally pulled down on himself when reaching for his manuscripts on the top shelf. Whereas bookshelves are not normally guilty of murder, they are often guilty of imposture. There are 12 fake bookcases concealing doors in the British Libary's reading room, and the Duchess of Devonshire has bookcase-doors that have weak jokes on the spines of the mock volumes. One reads: "Three Wishes, by Lord Grantham" (pronounced Grantem). Another reads: "Kant on hypocrisy."

Who Sings the Hero? *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

The Times once revealed how, in 1891, a Sepoy farmer who was not scared of heights helped to prevent a war between Britain and Russia. The reporter was E.F. Knight. He was with a company of British soldiers, Gurkhas and Sepoys who were powerless to dislodge the forces of a Russian-allied Himalayan king from a seemingly impregnable fortress on a mountain peak. This was the gateway through which, it was feared, Russian troops could invade British-ruled India. Unaided, Ali the Sepoy climber found a way up the mountain, and the British followed his directions. The rest, thanks to *The Times*, was history. John Fletcher has thrillingly dramatised the story for radio.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **4.40** Judge Dredd, and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Camden Live **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Wendy Lloyd, incl at **12.15am** The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Trevor McDonald **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Radio 2 Young Tradition Award, The finals **9.00** A Passage Through India **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; and at **11.00** News; Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Rescue on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night: Champions' League Blackburn Rovers v Legia Warsaw and Rangers v Juventus **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Discovery **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Stories in Verse **8.45** The Secret Life of a Song **9.00** News in German **9.15** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Composer of the Month **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.00** News in German **3.15** The Greenfield Collection **4.00** News **4.15** World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europa Today **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Sports **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Faith **7.30** Multitrack: X-Press **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** The Musician's Musician **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The World Today **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10am** Pop Short **11.15** Sport **11.45** From Our Own Correspondent **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Secret Life of a Song **12.45** Britain **1.00** News **1.10** Press Review **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Just a Taste **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Sport **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Assignment **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Europe

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Concert: for All Saints' Day **10.00** Tim Lihoreau **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather
6.00 On Air: Includes Bach (Orchestral Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor); Albinoni (Oboe Concerto in B flat, Op 7 No 3); Mussorgsky (St John's; Night on the Bare Mountain); **8.05** *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 16 in C, K128); **8.20** Prokofiev (Suite, Lieutenant Kije
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini: Includes Ives, orch Schuman (Variations on "America"); Duparc (L'Invitation au voyage; La Vague et la cloche); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Includes at **10.05** *Artist of the Week*: Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor); **10.35** Strauss (Der Abend, Op 34 No 1); Alwyn (Symphony No 3); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Chopin. Includes Andante spianato and Grande Polonaise in E flat, Op 22
1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert, live from Pebble Mill. Brindisi Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in D minor); Janáček (String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata)
2.00 Schools: Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice: Includes Mussorgsky (Intermezzo in modo classico); Handel (Harp Concerto in B flat, Op 4 No 6)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from Durham Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine: The Big Sing. Singing techniques
5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green
6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Fiona Talkington introduces the first of eight concerts Copenhagen Piano Trio performs H.D. Koppel (Nine Variations); Beethoven (Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97, Archduke)
7.00 In Tune: Kiami (Nocturne, Sea Pictures)
7.30 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, live from the Wessex Hall in Poole, under Yakov Kreizberg, with Peter Donohoe, piano. Webern (Six Pieces, Op 6); Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543); **8.15** Richard Lawrence remembers Dan Godfrey, the founder of the Bournemouth SO; **8.35** Brahms (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat)
9.35 John Keats (1795-1821): Reading Keats. Why do doctors claim Keats as their poet?
9.50 Fairest Isle: The Italian Musick. Michael Burden introduces music by Barsanti and Sammartini
10.45 Night Waves: Includes a review of Nigel Williams's play *Harry and Me*, at the Royal Court in London
11.30 Voices: Iain Burnside explores the songs of Kurt Weill
12.30-12.40am Fairest Isle: Catch as Catch Can The BBC Singers perform bawdy songs by Purcell
1.00-2.30 Night School. GNVQ **1.30** Primary Geography **2.00** Libreria, Spanish Stories

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News, incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and Magnus Magnusson
10.00 News; Just a Part of the Furniture (FM only): See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only): Essex, Ireland and Sturdy Beggars
10.30 Woman's Hour: Frances Line, the former Controller of BBC Radio 2, talks to Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from the Royal Horticultural Society in Wisley in Surrey (r)
12.00pm News; You and Yours with Liz Barclay
12.25 Moving: Neil McKay's comedy drama series taps into the British obsession with homes (5/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Who Sings the Hero? See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen presents the series about children's books. Can the historical novel stage a comeback?
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Gambaccini reviews Tony Scott's film *Crimson Tide* and reads the new biography on Arnold Schwarzenegger
4.45 Short Story: Desire in November, by Italo Calvino. Read by Rosaleen Pelan
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Jan Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: Last of the series in which John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints
7.45 Hungry Eyes: Fintan O'Toole examines people in the West's understanding of famine, starting with the Irish Great Hunger
8.30 UK plc: Made in Britain. The British economy (3/6)
9.00 Costing the Earth: Mark Whittaker returns with the environmental magazine (1/8)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Janet Cohen
10.45 Booker at Bedtime: In Every Face I Meet, by Justin Cartwright. An extract
11.00-12.00 Late Night Opening: Late Edition. The third of six adult satirical discussions on the week's news. Chaired by Kevin Day **11.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich?** (FM only): A comedy by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner (8/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood. Read by Buffy Davis (8/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service** (LW only)

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson

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SEIKO KINETIC

Lara turns down Warwickshire

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN LARA has ruled out a return to Warwickshire as their overseas player next season. The West Indian batsman, who helped the county to a unique treble in his debut season in 1994, has been released from his contract because he feels unable to give the "necessary commitment."

Warwickshire have "reluctantly agreed" to his decision and will discuss what to do about the remaining two years of Lara's agreement at their next general committee meeting on November 13.

"I was optimistic that he would return but he feels that he needs time off because of his international commitments," Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire chief executive said.

Lara's signing proved an inspired one by Warwickshire, who became the first team to win the county championship, the Benson and Hedges Cup and the Sunday League in the same season.

They now intend to draw up a shortlist of replacements. But the South African fast bowler, Allan Donald, has ruled himself out. His contribution at Edgbaston will be limited to coaching. Roger Twose, a member of two championship-winning sides, is certain to be considered, having become an overseas player after making his Test debut for New Zealand.

Lara may have been overtaken by the Indian batsman, Sachin Tendulkar, as the game's best paid player. It was reported from Bangalore yesterday that Tendulkar had secured a multi-million-dollar, five-year deal "unmatchable by any other international cricketer", with WorldTel, who have bought the television rights for next year's World Cup.

Salim Malik, the former Pakistan captain, cleared of charges of attempted bribery by a Pakistan board of inquiry, arrived in Perth yesterday to join his country's touring team.

Salim, accused by Australian Test players Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh of offering them money to play poorly, told reporters at the airport: "I am under contract and I am not allowed to say anything controversial."

May yesterday threatened legal action against anyone who accused him of concocting the charges against the Pakistan player.

Parke encouraged by challenge to Eyles

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THERE is nothing like selection for England to stiffen the sinews for league action, it seems. The Australian No 1, Rodney Eyles, arrived for his first Super Squash League appearance at Lingfield this week, but even his presence could not deflect the three England players who travelled to Surrey under their ICL Lion Herts team banner straight from the press conference announcing their inclusion in the national squad for the world team championships in Cairo later this month.

Chris Walker lost narrowly to Eyles, the Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield first string, but Del Harris and Mark Chaloner cleaned up in the lower order. The points brought ICL Lion Herts level on points at the top with Cannons Club, the defending champions, and just two games behind on countback.

Cannons rested this week, along with Simon Parke, whose duties for both club and country became instantly more onerous at the press conference when Peter Marshall, the presumed first string for England, announced his withdrawal from immediate competition for health reasons.

Parke is destined to meet Eyles in Cairo, and will have taken heart from the strong challenge mounted against him by Walker, who may play behind Harris at third string in Cairo.

Harris himself was in flowing form at Lingfield, defeating Stephen Meads, the national champion who could find no place in the England squad, and Chaloner continued his joy at earning a first cap by defeating the experienced Michael Harris.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

ANABIOSIS
(b) Revival after apparent death, reanimation after a coma so deep that all vital signs have become imperceptible. *You might say after a long staff lunch:* "Just pop down the News Room for a moment, will you John, and see if anabiosis has set among with the specialists yet."

RESIPISCENCE
(c) Recognising one's own error or errors; seeing reason once again. A rare and possibly non-existent human attribute. "I am sure that all of your friends look forward to your ultimate resipiscence, James."

BALLADROMIC
(c) Maintaining a course towards an ultimate target, like sophisticated modern guided missiles. "Look out of the window. There's Tim coming home from work. Now see the bottle of whisky on the table. Watch the path he follows. See? Turns right and crosses the road diagonally. Swerves in the front gate side-stepping the clematis. Homing in on the table. Poetry in motion. Balladromic from start to finish."

NYCTOPHONIAC
(a) Able to give voice only at night, like owls, some hungry or amorous cats, and some visitors to public houses shouting and slamming car doors after closing-time. The neighbour's dog, which remains as silent as a mouse all day, but barks remarkably persistently after midnight.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

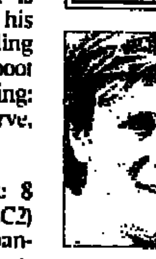
1 Bxf6+! Kxf6 2 Qh6+ Kf7 3 Qxf4 Qxf4 4 Rxf4 and the endgame is level and should be drawn.

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Light entertainment and serious money

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Newspapers, you cannot fail to have noticed, take the subject of money very seriously — whole sections are dedicated to its accumulation and investment. Television, on the other hand, hardly gives it a second glance. Apart from our weekly 15 minutes with Anthea Turner, we're basically left with the choice between the worthy but soporific *Money Programme* . . . and whatever's on the other side.

So why has it taken so long to come up with something like **Dosh** (Channel 4)? First and, indeed, second impressions were that this was the typical treatment Channel 4 metes out to any subject — deliberately rough around the edges, fast-paced and aggressively irreverent. Wonga meets *The Word* — nuff said. Well, not quite. For the surprise third impression was that *Dosh* was rather good.

There was no pretence that watching the programme would somehow make you seriously rich, no patronising assumption that everyone watching had already accumulated a sensible little nest egg and now wanted advice on how it might be prudently invested. Instead the first priority was to make a programme about money entertaining and the second was to appeal to as wide an audience as possible by employing three safe assumptions — that none of us has enough of it, that we'll do just about anything to get more of it and prudence can go hang.

As a result, last night's opening show included items on how to make up to £45 a week by donating sperm and a man who played roulette for one night only, placing his entire life savings, some £150,000, on red. He won and then did just about the only sensible thing we saw all night — he walked away.

The series is presented by Shami Ahmed. No, I hadn't heard of him either, but I had heard of Joe Bloggs, the jeans company he founded and very modestly mentioned last night. This man is seriously rich but, despite that, his links into lessons about haggling and making money at car boot sales never sounded patronising: "You don't get what you deserve, but what you negotiate."

On paper, **Nice Work: 8 Days a Week** (BBC2) looked the ideal companion to *Dosh*, dealing, as it purported to, with the never-ending expansion of the working week. But somewhere along the line, someone lost the plot.

They should have stuck with their first case history. Sarah Montgomery-Smith and Stephen Windsor-Lewis, a couple who presumably put in long hours just introducing themselves. They were straight out of the adverts — he an accounts director and normally away, she a financial adviser and normally in a red sports car, doing business on her mobile phone.

At times you half suspected that they might have been rehearsing. "Sex?" said Sarah, with a coy toss of her blonde hair — oh yes, she remembered. "We used to do it in the Eighties." The rest was all "I'm back on Wednesday", "Sorry darling, I'm in Scotland". Perfect.

But unfortunately the cameras moved on to two other couples, for whom overwork had been overtaken by more serious problems. Mitchell Field clearly did work hard, but his main concern was a son seriously ill with leukaemia. As for the Myliuses, their joinery firm was threatened by everything from adverse planning decisions to the state of their marriage. Long hours barely got a look-in.

For the programme's producers it should have been start-again time. But it wasn't. The result was a needlessly distressing "six months later" sequence at the end, which revealed that while Sarah and Stephen had finally found the time to get married, the Fields' son had died, the Myliuses had separated and the husband had left the company. Someone should have shouted "cut" a lot earlier.

Someone could have shouted "cut" a little more often in **Network First** (ITV) which set out to expose child prostitution in the Philippines. You couldn't imagine the camera lingering at such length on a young British girl as she tearfully recalled being raped.

Tim Tate's disturbing film examined the problem through the eyes of Father Shay Cullen, a Roman Catholic priest (I do hope Jimmy McGovern wasn't watching) who has been fighting child prostitution for 25 years. Father Cullen gives the impression of an innocent abroad, but the world he revealed with the help of Tate's hidden cameras was parted from its innocence years ago.

Perhaps the most alarming sequence came when Tate brought his team home to find out what the British Government and police had done about the 15 known paedophiles the Philippines had deported. The answer was: nothing. The names lay on file at the National Criminal Intelligence Service, any domestic investigation apparently hindered by a lack of accompanying addresses.

"But we've got addresses, why haven't you?" asked Tate. "Well, presumably what you said," said the chief inspector: "you requested it." Clearly not the chap who put the I in NCIS.

And clearly not a chap ever likely to feature in Melanie Philips's scholarly investigation, **Who Killed the Family?** (BBC2). With the help of a distinguished cast of talking heads (and some pretty distinguished fireplaces to opine in front of) she elegantly propounded the argument that the decline of family life had little to do with poverty or the welfare state and everything to do with the behaviour of a middle-class, educated elite pursuing the dream of romantic and sexual satisfaction. I think that means it's my fault . . . Sorry.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (75802)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (94071807)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (4604975)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5068826)
10.05 Housemates (s) (6732389)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick Magazine show (s) (4962642)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9063178) **12.05pm Pebble Mill**. With Sandi Toksvig, John McCarthy, D:Ream (s) (4129826)
12.50 Regional news (Ceefax) and weather (23836178)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (88420)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (92229265)
1.50 Hawkeye (s) (5090352) **2.35 Holiday** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2943739) **3.05 Incognito** (s) (1450791)
3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (5955536) **3.50 ChuckleVision** (r) (s) (5935772) **4.10 Get Your Own Back** (Ceefax) (s) (6683623) **4.35 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (1212265)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (8234371)
5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (5820772)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (437246)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (9)
6.30 Regional news magazines (91)
7.00 This Is Your Life. (Ceefax) (s) (1284)
7.30 NEW **Here and Now**. Sue Lawley joins the team for a series of current affairs investigations. In one of tonight's films, Mark Easton reports on how the business of test-tube babies has led to a clandestine trade in human eggs (s) (75)
8.00 How Do They Do That? This week, the spectacular sport of hotdog skiing; plus how two British toymakers are challenging international companies. (Ceefax) (s) (782826)
8.45 Points of View. Presented by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (537791)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7449)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave: Dramatic Fever. Comedy repeat with Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (Ceefax) (s) (52468)
10.00 People's Century: 1929 — Breadline. The story of the hungry 1930s, told by men and women who suffered in the Depression, from South America to northern Europe, that followed the Wall Street crash (Ceefax) (s) (544420)

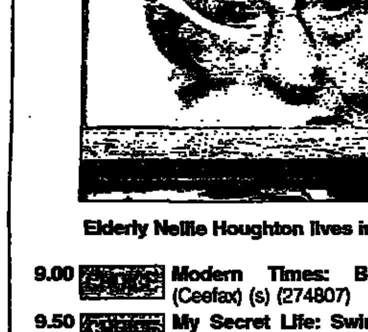


Michael Sarrazin and Jane Fonda (10.55pm)

10.55 FILM: They Shoot Horses, Don't They? (1969) starring Jane Fonda and Michael Sarrazin. The story of competitors at a dance marathon in the Depression with the chance of three hot meals a day for the duration and a cash prize for the winners. Directed by Sydney Pollack (61008468)
12.50am FILM: Story of a Love Story (1973) with Alan Bates and Dominique Sanda. A fantasy about a writer, living near Paris with his American wife and three sons, who falls madly in love with a married woman he meets in a museum. Or does he? Directed by John Frankenheimer (244043)
2.30 Weather (4298647)

BBC2

6.00am Living with Technology — Food (59555) **6.30 Opening up Technology** (50159)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (4305159) **7.15 Lassie** (r) (5517082) **7.40 Pirates of Dark Water** (r) (1530642) **8.05 Take Two** (r) (3771178)
8.35 The Record (s) (4547062)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Includes, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8637915) **2.00** Johnson and Friends (47367604)
2.10 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) Vintage comedy drama (r) (8324401)
3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather, **Westminster with Nick Ross** (7281710) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6143536)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (84)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (88)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. (s) (4911449) **5.40 Unspeakable Verse** (707642) **5.55 Consuming Passions** (611352)
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation Birthright, Pt 2 (Ceefax) (s) (331420)
6.45 FILM: Genesis II (1973). Sci-fi adventure from Gene (*Star Trek*) Roddenberry, starring Alex Cord. A survivor of global disaster wakes in the 22nd century, to find two tribes battling for the world. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey (7367371)
8.00 Delia Smith's Winter Collection: Seafood in Winter (Ceefax) (s) (5246)
8.30 NEW **University Challenge** Jeremy Paxman with teams from Middlesex and Exeter (Ceefax) (7081)

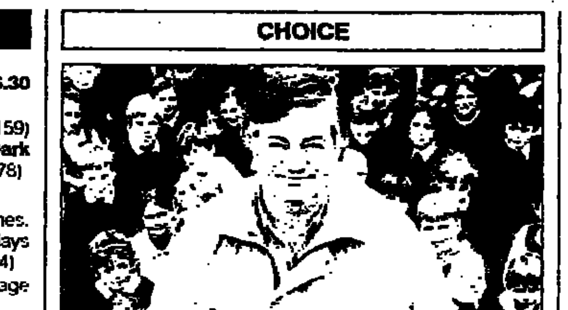


Elderly Nellie Houghton lives in fear (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Modern Times: Bogus Callers** (Ceefax) (s) (274807)
9.50 CHOICE **My Secret Life: Swinging from the Chandeliers**. (Ceefax) (s) (168343)
10.00 Grace Under Fire. (Ceefax) (22739)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (506420)
11.15 The Spin. How to set up your own pirate television station (s) (491284) **11.55 Weather** (815130)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil. Political chat (s) (59937)
12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University — Children, Science and Common Sense (16734) **1.00** Learning to Learn (47227) **1.30** After the Revolution (75598) **2.00 Nightschool TV:** Landmarks (52821) **4.00 BBC Focus:** Benefits Agency Today (14845424) **4.15** Disability Working Allowance (85590717) **4.30** Reorganisation News for Council Employees in Hampshire (51001918) **4.45** Disability Today (53440956) **5.00** Voluntary Sector Television (84260)

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CHOICE



Roger Cook watches over our children (ITV, 10.40pm)

The Cook Report Special
ITV, 10.40pm

A catalogue of horrific crimes against young people comes to light in this hour-long film heralding a new series of Roger Cook's sensational but worthwhile reports. Perhaps the most disturbing programme in the network's Children in Danger Week, the show includes a report on drug-taking which has prompted a death threat for Cook. Also featured are disturbing items on paedophilia and, in India, the appalling practice of crippling child beggars so that they bring in more money for their gang leaders. Alarming statistics are bandied about during the film, but as always it is the remarks of victims that linger in the memory. "He should have got the life sentence he gave me," says one woman of the man who raped her as a child.

Modern Times: Bogus Callers
BBC2, 9.00pm

Those waiting to have their faith restored in human nature need not tune into Nick O'Dwyer's film about door-to-door conmen, the first of a new series of documentaries. West Yorkshire Police have been using hidden cameras to capture the bogus callers on film. This, of course, makes for hideously compelling viewing as we watch how one old man, Fred, is repeatedly duped into parting with £30 or £40 at a time. Detectives explain how for some elderly victims, the shock kills them. One woman confesses to how hard it has been to learn not to trust people, but all this is of no matter to the often violent criminals. "I've got no morals when I was on the drugs," says the perpetrator of 892 offences, now behind bars.

My Secret Life: Swinging from the Chandeliers
BBC2, 9.50pm

This stylishly filmed new series delves into our extraordinary private lives. Today Sue and John (not their real names) talk about their "swinging parties", the 1990s term for wife-swapping evenings. "There are only so many things you can do with sex and two people," explains Sue of their decision to seek extra excitement. While the camera lingers suggestively on bottoms and suspender belts, the pair's commentary remains almost comically down-to-earth. As they point out, you can't have good sex on a full stomach so catering at their parties is blissfully simple. In fact the important thing to get right is that bowl of coloured condoms looking for all the world like jelly beans.

The Real Holiday Show
Channel 4, 8.30pm

The unorthodox travel show returns with more camcorder records of people's real holidays. This ought to mean we gain a far truer picture of the destinations in question. In fact we learn less, but there is ample compensation in being able to share the holidaymakers' genuine triumphs and disasters. The stars of tonight's show are the Sankar family from Leicester who bring back spirit-lifting footage of their daughter, who has cerebral palsy, enjoying herself in Alicante, Spain. Second prize goes to the reckless gang of hard-drinking medical students who party hysterically on a barge on the River Avon. "At least you don't have to worry about breathing gin over the patients," says one future doctor we must all try to avoid.

Stephanie Billen

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (9308265)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9664449)
9.55 London Today local news (Teletext) (1982082)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place Topical discussion series (Teletext) (8281739)
10.35 This Morning Magazine show (72398401)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (9052062)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (9092826)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9077517)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (82795325)
1.55 Shortland Street (92217420)
2.20 Vanessa: Haunted by a loved one's suicide (Teletext) (s) (70473449)
2.50 Carlton People (2927791)
3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (8136807)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (8135178)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5154772) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (6356333) **3.50 The Story Store** (s) (5165888) **4.05 Animaniacs** (r) (Teletext) (s) (5324975) **4.15 TIGS** Computer games (s) (857975)
4.45 Bad Influence (s) (1203517)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. Warren Mitchell discusses playing *King Lear*. (Teletext) (7264555)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (701468)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers's opinions (615178)
6.00 Home and Away. (r). (Teletext) (97)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (687555)
6.50 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (s) (679401)
7.20 Champions League Live — Blackburn Rovers v Legia Warsaw. presented by Bob Wilson with commentary from Brian Moore. (89017555)

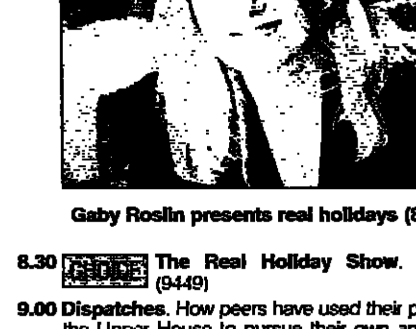


Sarah Lancashire stars as Raquel (9.30)

9.30 Coronation Street. A modelling agent casts his eye down the street, but Fiona rather than Raquel is the focus of his interest. Starring Sarah Lancashire and Angela Griffin. (Teletext) (47536)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (19265)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (276807)
10.40 CHOICE **Children in Danger Week: The Cook Report Special** (263178)
11.40 Champions League Highlights. Jim Rosenthal introduces the pick of the action from a busy night in the Champions League. Both British teams, Blackburn and Glasgow Rangers, need victories because front-runners such as the holders Ajax and Bobby Robson's Porto could beat them to the final stages (135826)
12.45am The Little Picture Show (2559802)
1.50 The Album Show (s) (1447024)
2.45 Hollywood Report (s) (5341111)
3.10 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (37275956)
3.35 On the Live Side (r) (s) (14873173)
3.40 Sport AM (r) (4186869)
4.35 NEW **McGilloway's Way: A Winter's Tale**. Nature programme. Gales, lambs, foxes and small birds in Ireland (86643376)
5.00 Vanessa (Teletext) (r) (s) (11314)
5.30 ITN Morning News (47192). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6465552)
7.00 The Big Breakfast, with Patrick Swayze (92541)
9.00 Evening Shade (r) (s) (29642)
9.30 Schools: Good Health (6576851) **9.45** Book Box (6571306) **10.00** Stage Two Science (2480493) **10.15** Making Sense of Science (623325) **10.45** Your World (2644122) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (1810899) **11.07** Schools at Work (2493290) **11.15** The Mix (3289141) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3809986) **11.45** First Edition (331130)
12.00 House To House Political magazine (16178)
12.30pm Sesame Street With Michael Chang (92739) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (s) (57913)
2.00 Magoo's Homecoming Cartoon. Followed by Sheila Graeber's animation **Mondrian** (47352772)
2.10 FILM: Snake Treaty (1988) A made-for-television Canadian drama directed by David Greene (327178)
4.00 Think Tank. Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (72)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (4)
5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are young girls who carry guns. (Teletext) (s) (2249951) **5.45 Terrytoons** followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** (791081)
6.00 My So-Called Life. (Teletext) (s) (33333)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (250401)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (598517)
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3642)



Gaby Roslin presents real holidays (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **The Real Holiday Show**. (Teletext) (9449)
9.00 Dispatches. How peers have used their position in the Upper House to pursue their own and others' commercial interests (Teletext) (540352)
9.45 Heart Songs. A *Short and Curlies* film about a driver lost in the wastes of Ontario. Starring Tom McCamus (r) (467046)
10.00 Northern Exposure. (Teletext) (s) (537130)
10.55 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (r) (s) (871246)
11.35-2.35 The Shooting Gallery: A Hero Of Our Time (b/w). An off-beat thriller starring Dennis Hopper, directed by Michael Almereyda (189197)
12.10am Family Remains. A ghoulish comedy. Followed by **Swinger**. A man trying to hang himself tries to struggle free of the noose when good news comes from the answerphone (2418395)
12.45 The Audition. A Method actor oversteps the bounds between illusion and reality (4709734)
1.20 To Kill A Dead Man. Mercury award-winning indie band Portishead create a film noir (s) (2219289)
1.35 Reckoning. A young man's decision to commit suicide is postponed (8868840)
1.45 In the West Wing. Animated drama (r) (9353579)
1.50 Game With No Rules. Two lovers plot to kill the man's wife (r) (s) (5722666)
2.10 London South West. A drama about a domestic dispute that leads to violence (r) (9407598)
2.25 The Winding Sheet. Karen Kelly's film questions the right of anyone to sit in judgment of women driven to the brink by their feelings of worthlessness (r) (s) (1623579). Ends at **2.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1982082) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (9052062) **12.55** Coronation Street (9077517) **1.25** Home and Away (82795325) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92217420) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (2927791) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8135178) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7264555) **6.25** Anglia Weather (698536) **6.30-6.50** Anglia News (687555) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (276807) **12.40am** War of the Worlds (3371918) **1.35** Hollywood Report (8688314) **2.00** Shift (9572537) **2.50** America's Top Ten (5339376) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (6406395) **4.15** Nite Bites (95495163) **4.30** The Time... the Place (22918)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1982082) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (9052062) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92217420) **2.50-3.20** Gardening Time (2927791) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8135178) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (7264555) **6.25** Central News and Weather (648884) **6.45-6.50** Life Line (294994) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (276807) **4.35am** Jobfinder (3106424) **5.20** Asian Eye (4402647)

GRANADA

As London except: 1.25 Home and Away (11510807) **1.50** Vanessa (25895333) **2.20** Videofashion (70473449) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (2927791) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (8135178) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7264555) **6.25-6.50** Granada Tonight (848064) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (276807) **3.35-4.35** Jobfinder (3482444)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (7819333) **1.20** Coronation Street (81345884) **2.50-3.20** Fat Man Wins (2927791) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (7264555) **6.30-6.59** HTV News (687555) **3.35am** Jobfinder (3482444)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 The Really Helpful Programme (2927791) **6.30-6.59** Wales Tonight (687555) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (276807)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1982082) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (9052062) **12.55** Coronation Street (9077517) **1.25** Home and Away (82795325) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92217420) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2927791) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8135178) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7264555) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (898587) **6.20-6.50** Put It to the Test (988536) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (276807) **12.40am** War of the Worlds (3371918) **1.35** Hollywood Report (8688314) **2.00** Shift (9572537) **2.50** America's Top Ten (5339376) **3.20** The Little Picture Show (6406395) **4.15** Nite Bites (95495163) **4.30** The Time... the Place (22918) **5.00** Freescreen (11314)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9077517) **1.25** Home and Away (82795325) **1.55-2.20** The Young Doctors (92217420) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (2927791) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (8135178) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7264555) **6.00-6.50** Westcountry Live (359826) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (276807) **3.35am** Jobfinder (3482444)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9077517) **1.25** Home and Away (82795325) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (92217420) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (2927791) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (7264555) **5.55** Calendar (442178) **6.20-6.50** Blockbusters (988536) **12.40am** Murder, She Wrote (3371918) **1.35** Hollywood Report (6135111) **2.05** Videofashion (3084024) **2.35** The Album Show (8127005) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (4154260) **4.30** Jobfinder (46444)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (92541) **9.00** Evening Shade (29642) **9.30** Schools (54826) **9.30** Good Health (4191265) **9.45** Book Box (4189420) **10.00** Stage Two Science (3079604) **10.15** Making Sense Of Science (506604) **10.45** Your World (1969517) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (8830884) **11.07** Schools At Work (7603371) **11.15** The Mix (6027642) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (4432197) **11.45** First Edition (4420352) **12.00** House To House (16178) **12.30** Widget (56642) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (71130) **1.30** Film: Tawny Pipit (65951) **3.00** Mighty Heroes (9097468) **3.10** Oprah Winfrey (1758994) **4.00** Think Tank (72) **4.30** Dosh (4) **5.00** 5 Pump, Rownd A Rownd (3717420) **5.15** 5 Pump: Ffeil (8213888) **5.30** Fifteen To One (35) **6.00** Newyddion (335420) **6.15** Heno (317975) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (261791) **7.25** Dim Ond Cell (995197) **8.00** Pengall (3642) **8.30** Newyddion (9449) **9.00** Witness: The Choirmaster (9913) **10.00** Brookside (17807) **10.30** Northern Exposure (275913) **11.25** Dispatches (105975) **12.10** The Pretenders Live From The Isle Of View (7257096) **1.10** Diwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00am The DJ Kat Show (37994) **8.00** Power Rangers (57449) **8.30** Jeopardy (49420) **9.00** Court TV (30772) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (32420) **10.30** Blockbusters (69284) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (37710) **12.00** Spellbound (50536) **12.30pm** Designing Women (69772) **1.00** The Waltons (97555) **2.00** Geraldo (13642) **3.00** Court TV (5401) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (9911468) **4.20** Kids TV (2396389) **4.30** Shoot! (7352) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (9081) **6.00** Power Rangers (5517) **6.30** Spellbound (9197) **7.00** LAPD (2410) **7.30** M*A*S*H (8081) **8.00** Earth 2 (27710) **9.00** Picket Fences (14246) **10.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (17333) **11.00** Law and Order (25975) **12.00** David Letterman (9832314) **12.45am** Wallenberg (3452173) **1.30** Anything But Love (88647) **2.00-4.00** Hit Mix (8510482)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3228401) **10.30** ABC Nightline (67826) **11.00** News and Business (883178) **1.30pm** CBS News (26371) **2.30** Parliament Live (17284) **3.30** Parliament Live (7975) **4.00** News and Business (55046) **5.00** Live at Five (7623) **6.30** Tonight (17449) **8.30** Henry Kissinger (500468) **11.30** CBS News (85178) **12.30am** ABC News (99424) **1.30** Tonight (66734) **2.30** Target (33531) **3.30** Parliament (45376) **4.30** CBS News (93376) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (98840)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (4834710) **10.00 How the West Was Fun** (1993) (70888) **12.00 Home to Stay** (1978) (94517) **2.00pm Cross My Heart** (1990) (31913) **4.00 Fate is the Hunter** (1964) (4913) **6.00 How the West Was Fun** (1993): As 10am (74888) **7.30 El News Week in Review** (1979) **8.00 Where Sleeping Dogs Lie** (1991) (23994) **10.00 Road Flower** (1993) (86623) **11.30 Wild Orchid 2** (1991) (858791) **1.20am The Adventures of Ford Fairlane** (1990) (329314) **3.00 Map of the Human Heart** (1993) (670111) **4.45-6.00 Home to Stay** (1978): As noon (1594227)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Across the Pacific (1942) (6555) **6.00 Tickle Me** (1965) (17371) **8.00 Two-Minute Warning** (1976) (96888) **10.00 To Live and Die in LA** (1985) (72710) **12.00 Baby, It's You** (1982) (922163) **1.45-3.40 Electra Glide in Blue** (1973) (842840)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan's Desert Mystery (1943) (96081) **7.30 Robinson Crusoe** (1972) (84028) **8.30 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (1985) (59884) **9.30 Wild Stallion** (1952) (8676739) **10.45 Exodus** (1960) (99456333) **2.15pm Mrs Lambert Remembers Love** (1991) (232536) **4.00 Robinson Crusoe** (1972): As 7.30am (94994) **5.00 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** (1985): As 8.30am (2791) **6.00 This Can't Be Love** (1993) (19791) **8.00 Fire in the Sky** (1993) (21536) **10.00 Ruby in Paradise** (1993) (74130) **12.00 The Last Outlaw** (1993) (251173) **1.35am Mutwan** (1987) (91795685) **3.50-6.00 Rich in Love** (1993) (91449802)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

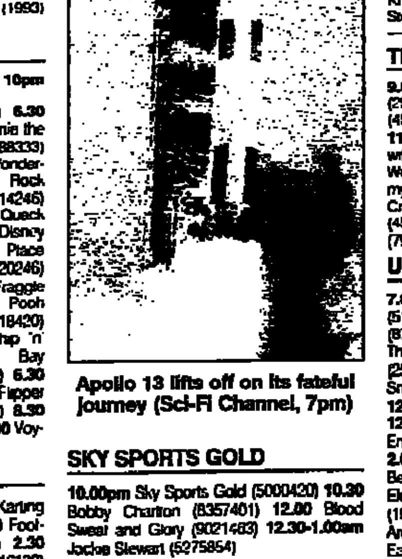
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (32677791) **6.30** Muppet Babies (27789710) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (67509826) **7.30** Ducktales (67588333) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82598449) **8.30** Wonderland (82580420) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (82571772) **9.30** Pooh Corner (90914246) **10.00** Dumbo (27770062) **10.30** Quack Attack (82500284) **11.00** Walt Disney (67597081) **12.00** FILM: A Far Off Place (27790826) **2.00pm** Wonderland (78420246) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (86334468) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (78432081) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (86339913) **4.00** Quack Attack (86318420) **4.30** Ducktales (86314604) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (78444826) **5.30** Danger Bay (86338284) **6.00** Tarzan (86335197) **6.30** Dinosaurs (86326449) **7.00** Flipper (99503710) **8.00** Sinbad (78433710) **8.30** The Torkelsons (78429517) **9.00-10.00** Voyager (99509994)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Extreme (48468) **9.00** Karting (20081) **10.00** Motors (38389) **12.00** Football (30333) **2.00pm** Slam (7888) **2.30** Snooker (89569) **4.00** Equestrianism (16130) **5.00** Formula 1 (1468) **5.30** Truck (77178) **6.30** News (3791) **7.00** Figure Skating (56246) **8.00** Dancing (65994) **9.00** Olympic (45842) **9.30** Boxing (59449) **10.30** Formula 1 (80352) **11.00** Equestrianism (65517) **12.00-12.30am** News (37753)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Racing News (54401) **7.30** Centre (73536) **8.00** Wrestling Mania (74449) **9.00** Aerobics (98371) **9.30** Pub Quiz (23555) **10.00** Boots (62420) **11.00** ATP Tennis: Paris Open (5270265) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (5807) **6.00** Centre (7371) **6.30** Rugby (8623) **7.00** Ice Warriors (86176081) **8.55** Centre (914807) **9.00** Soccer Magazine (27246) **9.30** ATP Tennis (14807) **10.00** Centre (86536) **10.30** ATP Tennis (82536) **11.30** Ice Warriors (93230) **1.30am** ATP Tennis (22005) **2.00-2.30** Centre (85111)



Apollo 13 lifts off on its fateful journey (Sci-Fi Channel, 7pm)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Sky Sports Gold (5000420) **10.30** Bobby Charlton (8357401) **12.00** Blood Sweat and Glory (9021483) **12.30-1.00am** Jackie Stewart (5275854)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living World (2280401) **5.00** Kenneth Copeland (4705642) **5.30** Kidz TV (9698153) **5.45** General Christian Entertainment (3994802) **6.15** Benny Hinn/This is Your Day (4544541) **6.45-7.00** Christian Music Television (14642994)

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (1992178) **7.55** As the World Turns (8234469) **8.50** Peyton Place (2115197) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2710159) **10.10-11.10** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (2079888) **11.30** Videos (2070517) **12.00** Florida! (5009791) **12.30pm** Restaurant (1047994) **1.00** Around the World (9745975) **1.30** Guide **2.00** Ski (6742265) **2.30** Discover (6316826) **3.00** Getaway (6721772) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (6311371)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm History Alive: the *Titanic* (6732888) **6.00-7.00** Biography: George III (1055913)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Apollo 13: The Real Story (9354130) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Star Trek II — The Wrath of Khan (9374994) **1.00am** Apollo 13: The Real Story (5270289) **2.00-4.00** FILM: Star Trek II — The Wrath of Khan (5365598)

TLC

9.00am Crawshaw (8715246) **9.30** Greens (2555807) **10.00** Off the Beaten Track (4558062) **10.30** Being There (8704130) **11.00** Only Human (2172913) **11.45** Draw with Don (25634197) **12.00** Men in a Woman's World (8726710) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (2559623) **1.00** Greens (5105371) **1.30** Crawshaw (2558994) **2.00** The Opposite Sex (4559791) **3.00** Off the Beaten Track (7937371) **3.30-4.00** Go Fishing (6827371)

UK GOLD

7.00am Nanna (5176130) **7.30** Neighbours (5195265) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8727081) **8.30** EastEnders (8726352) **9.00** The Bill (8717604) **9.30** The Sullivans (2557265) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5191449) **11.00** Dallas (5104913) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8737468) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2551081) **1.00** EastEnders (5175401) **1.30** The Bill (2550352) **2.00** The Sullivans (63404994) **2.25** Are You Being Served? **3.00** Angels (7908401) **3.30** Eldorado (6896401) **4.00** Casualty (19238517) **5.05** Every Second Counts **5.45** Are You Being Served? (9643517) **6.25** EastEnders (8914130) **7.00** Eldorado **7.30** French Fields (6812449) **8.00** Angels (5636611) **8.25** FILM: Carry On Camping (24013081) **10.00** The Bill (6068791) **10.35** Album (24528246) **11.40** Reilly (6987886) **12.40am** Dr Who (2549227) **1.05** Public Eye (2715666) **2.00** Triangle (5866802) **2.30** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Casper (49642) **7.00** Pink Panther (94604) **7.30** Ready or Not (13739) **8.00** Sweet Valley High (11246) **8.30** Casper (3904772) **8.45** Dinobabies (3932555) **9.00** Tiny TCC (4160212) **2.00pm** Barney (68791) **3.00** Sonic (8913) **3.30** Pink Panther (9997) **4.00** California Dreams (2642) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (8826)

NICKELODEON

7.05am Turtles (1805807) **7.45** Rugrats (604710) **8.15** The Ferals (708642) **8.45** Count Duckula (9760159) **9.00** Nick Junior (469772) **12.00** Lunchbox (83449) **12.30pm** Pee-Wee (25913) **1.00** The Ferals (84642) **1.30** Dungeons (24284) **2.00** Denver (3062) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4284) **3.00** Count Duckula (2197) **3.30** The Legend of the North Wind (6401) **4.00** Hero Turtles (5536) **4.30** Rugrats (4420) **5.00** Clarissa (7642) **5.30** Aaagh! Real Monsters (5772) **6.00** Doug (5913) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid? (6265)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Volcano Monkeys (6813178) **4.30** Ambulance! (6802062) **5.00** Man on the Rim (7928623) **6.00** Invention (6823555) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (8797994) **7.30** Deadly Australians (6803791) **8.00** Connections 2 (7905772) **8.30** Driving Passions (7924807) **9.00** Seawings (4942913) **10.00** Howlowe'en (4912772) **11.00** Voyages (6255517) **11.30-12.00** Nature Watch (4554246)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Monster from Green Hell (61611975) **1.20pm** Behave Yourself (6345791) **2.00** The Saint (4553517) **3.00** Robin Hood (7931197) **3.30** Man from Interpol (6821197) **4.00** FILM: Huckleberry Finn (7935913) **6.00** Death Valley Days (6810081) **6.30** Zoo Gang (8784420) **7.30** Robin Hood (6807517) **8.00** The Saint (4926975) **9.00** Sapphire and Steel (6270826) **9.30** Dead at 21 (2566913) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Best of Times (6261178)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony (7908555) **7.00** Living (4368523) **9.00** Bazaar (2125456) **9.30** Kate and Allie (7652246) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (9802062) **10.50** Entertainment Now! **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8651791) **11.55** Delia Smith (2727642) **12.30pm** Brookside (7597979) **1.05** Kilroy (6806536) **2.00** Agony (4453979) **3.00** Living (6574517) **4.00** Infatuation UK (4733062) **4.30** Crosswits (6452739) **5.05** The Joker's Wild **5.30** Bewitched (4753826) **6.00** Esther (4750739) **6.30** Brookside (5105178) **7.05** Crosswits **7.35** The Joker's Wild **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8023159) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (8036623) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (8039710) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women (4263979)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (6230) **5.30** Tintin (231159) **5.50** Batman (782130) **6.25** Catchphrase (307623) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (6474) **7.30** The Fall Guy (28130) **8.30** Duty Free (5449) **9.00** Ruth Rendell (73410) **10.00** All Clued Up (15062) **10.30** Moonlighting (33284) **11.30** Batman (63246) **12.00** The Fall Guy (35956) **1.00am** Zorro (23260) **1.30** Rhoda (66463) **2.00** Moonlighting (81444) **3.00** Rhoda (43024) **3.30** Zorro (31314) **4.00** The Wonder Years (29579) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (44753)

MTV

6.30am The Grind (85468) **7.00** 3 from 1 (2073739) **7.15** Awake (8853284) **8.00** VJ Maria (306739) **11.00** Soul (91517) **12.00** Hits (42604) **1.00pm** Non-Stop (51352) **2.00** 3 from 1 (45743197) **2.15** Non-Stop (4877062) **3.00** Cinematic **3.15** Hanging Out (1174197) **4.00** News **4.15** Hanging Out (3701159) **4.30** Dial MTV (4064) **5.00** Zig (9888) **5.30** Hanging Out (86642) **7.00** Greatest Hits (14284) **8.00** Most Wanted (27420) **9.30** Beavis (43333) **10.00** News **10.15** Cinematic **10.30** The State (33468) **11.00** The End? (25265) **12.30am** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (9744246) **9.00** Café (7663371) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1035159) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (1044807) **2.00** Tears for Fears (1625178) **3.00** Into the Music (4771246) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (1057371) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9363888) **8.00** Wednesday Review (6731159) **8.30** Simply Red (6743994) **9.00** Tears for Fears (9352772) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9362159) **11.00** Tommy Vance (3502401) **1.00am** Isaac Hayes (5272847) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (58869046) **8.30** Hum Paanch (49848333) **9.00** Kya Scene Hai (49862913) **9.30** Urdu Serial (54722246) **10.30** Namaste India (49868197) **11.00** Tara (32464081) **12.00** Dekh Bhal Dekh (49859449) **12.30pm** Khubsoorat (20088401) **1.00** Urdu FILM: Damman Aur Aag (19991975) **5.00** Zee Zone (69873555) **5.30** Bengali Serial (28172739) **6.00** Campus **6.30** Zee and U (28153604) **7.00** Aap Ki Adalat (69853791) **7.30** Film Deewane (28159888) **8.00** News (69879739) **8.30** Bangi Apni Baat (69858246) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Aap Ki Kasam (64285265)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm The Fountainhead (1949) (99597159) **11.00 Rogue Cop** (1954) (13919130) **12.45am Fearless Fagan** (1952) (46049145) **2.15-4.15 The Romance of Rosy Ridge** (1947) (44330840)

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Davies switches back to union

Wales rejoices at return of favourite son

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AT HOME in Widnes yesterday Jonathan Davies was as much in a daze as anyone at events which have propelled him back into the bosom of Welsh rugby union. There will be no time for readjustment, after nearly seven years of rugby league, should Cardiff decide to play the former Wales stand-off half in their Heineken League match with Aberavon on Saturday.

The country rejoiced at the return of the man once considered too small and delicate for rugby: a player whose silky skills, according to some observers, would be crushed by the brutality of league. Davies bestrode both codes and his homecoming, agreed in personal terms with Cardiff, will square the circle of an extraordinary playing career.

After Warrington relented, by accepting Cardiff's second improved offer of £90,000 compensation, Davies said: "It has been a bewildering time, but I'm delighted to be returning. It is about going home first and rugby second. All I can do is take one step at a time. The first is actually getting into the Cardiff team. It's going to take some adapting, but nothing can be as physically demanding as rugby league: I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

It is entirely appropriate that Davies, a code-breaker in a Welsh pantheon alongside Billy Boston, Jim Sullivan, David Watkins and the late Gus Risman, should be the first in Britain to cross back along the free gangway between the codes opened up by the International Rugby Football Board. The route he took from Llanelli to Widnes in January 1989 offered no prospect of a return.

What Davies called recently a "ridiculous dream" could see several returnees, in addition to himself and Jonathan Griffiths, the former Wales scrum-half, who is going back for an undisclosed sum to Llanelli, the club he left five months after Davies to join St Helens and where he has been out of contract since June. David Young and Phil Ford, of Salford, and Adrian Hadley, of Widnes, might join them.

The return of Davies is as symbolic to rugby union in Wales as it is to the game he left yesterday. Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League (RFL), sees him as a pathfinder for players to switch codes and



Davies: bewildered

play trial matches in league without penalty. "In other words, we expect his signing will bring an end to 100 years of hypocrisy," Lindsay said.

Nonetheless, at a time when the Wales rugby league team is riding a high, the defections are particular blows. Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, admitted that the defections had put a question mark against its long-term future, unless the RFL resurrected a plan to base a Super League club in South Wales to build on the momentum created by the World Cup.

Robert Jones struck a chord for the nation in welcoming back his former international half-back partner. "It's tremendous news for the rugby public, which has been in the doldrums," the Wales scrum half said. The uplifting sight of Davies back at the National Stadium could come as early as Cardiff's game there with Western Province next Tuesday, but when and if he will return in a Wales shirt is another matter.

At 33, Davies reckons on playing the remainder of this season and next. He has no burning ambition to add to his 27 Wales caps and his selection could only be backward-looking. "I accept I'm no spring chicken," he said. "My main areas of concentration now are Cardiff, my business pursuits in Wales and settling the family back down there."

Rugby league had the best of Davies and Doug Laughton, the Widnes manager who talked him into changing codes, said Davies owed the sport nothing after a wonderful career, in which he won everything with Widnes except the Challenge Cup — he was a losing finalist in 1993.

He led Wales and Great Britain with distinction, was player of the year in 1991 and 1994, the year he became the first union convert to win the coveted Man of Steel award. If one moment summed up his genius, it was the blistering acceleration to out-manoeuvre Australia for the winning try at Wembley last year.

As well as an extra stone of muscle on his 5ft 8in, 13-stone frame, Davies returns older, wiser and a more complete player than when he left. When awarded an MBE last January, it was for services as a "rugby player". It is the lack of distinction Davies enjoys which sets him apart.



James Burland, architect of the proposed Manchester stadium, makes final adjustments to the scale model. Photograph: Chris Harris

Wembley must play waiting game

BY JOHN GOODBODY

WEMBLEY remains favourite to be the site of England's national stadium in the 21st century after a decision on the venue was deferred yesterday. Those running the Wembley bid were warned, however, that if they are not more flexible in negotiations, the 80,000-seater stadium, funded partly with National Lottery money, will be sited in Eastlands, Manchester.

The ten-man panel, representing football, athletics and rugby league, is determined that the winning arena will have suitable transportation and surroundings for spectators, while also having the right financial and management structures in place. Negotiations restart today, with the final decision to be announced within six months and the stadium to be completed by the year 2000.

Rodney Walker, chairman of the Sports Council and of the Rugby League, said: "We wanted to be in a very serious competitive bid situation. It gives us the opportunity to carry out tough negotiations."

The head-to-head battle between London and Manchester follows the discarding of Birmingham, Bradford and Sheffield because they failed to meet the necessary criteria. Wembley, which is planning to knock down the stadium first erected in 1923 and build a new venue on the same site, may possess the necessary rail links. The steering group is unhappy, however, about its environs.

Walker said: "We are concerned that there has to be improvements to the site. We cannot have a national stadium in the 21st century which is set in a concrete jungle."

Robert Gordon Clark, a spokesman for Wembley, pointed out that Brent Council had submitted a bid for £15 million to the Single Regeneration Budget for an improvement to the landscaping and minor roads in the vicinity of the stadium. A decision is expected next month.

The panel is also concerned about the operation of the venue. Under the proposed deal, the new stadium would be owned by a trust, made up of sports bodies, the representatives of spectators, London businessmen and local government. There would also be a majority of trust members on the stadium management company, with the stadium-operating company making up the remainder.

In return for transferring the stadium site to the trust, Wembley Stadium Ltd would expect to be nominated as the operating company. The negotiations will now be over the length of contract and the return on the investment.

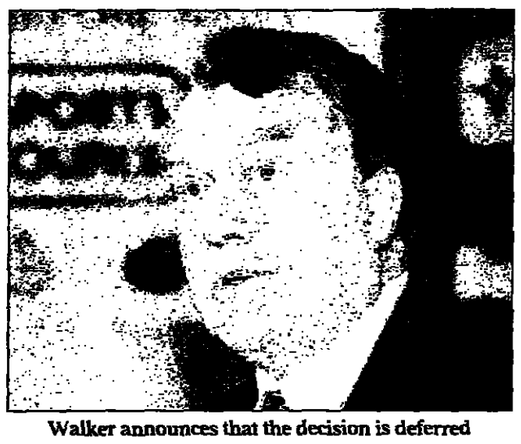
Wembley is, in effect, fighting for its life. If it does not win the nomination with the assurance of staging FA Cup finals, England internationals, and athletics and rugby league fixtures in the 21st century, the stadium will not be viable and will have to be knocked down.

Manchester can afford to be more relaxed. It knows that when it has its application to stage the 2002 Commonwealth Games confirmed on Friday, it will still have a stadium, even though it may be a modest arena with temporary seating, built in Eastlands. The Sports Council has promised to support its bid.

Manchester, however, wants the national stadium and, with £30 million already spent by the government on preparing the site, it is the cheaper option at a cost of £134 million (compared to the £167 million of Wembley). Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, said: "I think we have overcome the prejudice that the only site for a national stadium is in London."

Stringer promised that the city would look again at the transport system after the panel criticised the parking and public transport at the proposed Eastlands venue. There is a widespread worry that the infrastructure is not suitable and that the metrolink will not be able to cope with the 80,000 crowds.

The unsuccessful candidates were resentful at the decision. Birmingham was ruled out because the stadium was on green belt land and its building would have led to a public inquiry. John Garside, chief executive of the Superdome bid for Bradford, said there were still plans to erect the arena, which has a sliding roof. He said: "It is essential to have more than one world-class sporting venue."



Walker announces that the decision is deferred

Underwood takes wing to delight of Newcastle

BY DAVID HANDS
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TONY UNDERWOOD, the right wing capped 20 times by England, yesterday became the most significant capture for ambitious Newcastle since the arrival of Rob Andrew, though two further international signings are expected to be announced today. Hitherto, Newcastle have concentrated mainly on short-term signings designed to take them out of the Courage Clubs Championship second division, but Underwood is definitely long term.

At 26 he must hope for another five years of international rugby. But while his brother, Rory, remains with Leicester, Tony leaves the league champions for a future in the North East and in a lower division, though as a wing he is less likely to be affected by the drop in class.

He had already written off the first half of this season, and England's two internationals during that time, while recovering from a knee operation.

But having made the decision a month ago to become a full-time rugby player, Newcastle's offer comes at the right moment. "He is attracted by the vision of what Sir John Hall [the Newcastle chairman] is doing," Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby, said. "He has been offered a package of rugby plus a career opportunity which he is excited by."

Underwood and Leicester part with mutual regret after eight years and 57 tries but the player has been unable to train regularly with the club while living in Hertfordshire and, in Steve Hackney, Leicester have an in-form England A player on their wing, anyway.

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Internazionale decline Arsenal's bid for Ince

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BRUCE RIOCH'S ambitious team rebuilding at Arsenal, in which money appears to be no object, received a setback yesterday when Internazionale, of Milan, rejected his offer, believed to be £6.5 million, for Paul Ince, the England and former Manchester United player.

David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman, travelled to Italy at the weekend amid conflicting stories surrounding Ince, who left Old Trafford to join the *Serie A* club for £7.5 million during the summer. Dein's trip, ostensibly, was to arrange the second of four matches between Arsenal and Inter, which was part of the deal that took Dennis Bergkamp to Highbury in June.

It was subsequently revealed, however, that Dein spoke with Inter officials regarding the possibility of bringing Ince, who was born in Ilford, back to England. Reports had consistently suggested that Ince, 28, and his wife, Claire, were unable to settle, culturally and linguistically, in Italy.

Yesterday Dein's true objective — and the fact that his persuasive powers had failed — became apparent. Ken Friar, the Arsenal managing director, said: "We can confirm that we have been in discussions with Inter Milan regarding Paul Ince but we have been advised that they are not prepared to transfer the player at this moment."

Whether Ince was prepared to consider such a swift return is doubtful. On Sunday he produced one of his best performances for the club in Inter's 1-1 derby draw with AC Milan.

Osvaldo Ardiles was dismissed as coach of Guadalajara yesterday 12 months after he was relieved of the manager's post at Tottenham Hotspur. The Mexican first-division club is to appoint Leo Beenhakker, the former coach of Holland, as the Argentinian's successor. Ardiles was in charge for only ten matches, in which his side won twice.

"I'm not going anywhere," Ince said, clearly agitated by the persistent rumours over his future. "After just three months here, it would be a failure, a great embarrassment for me, if I were to go. It has taken a while to settle, of course it has, but the worst is over now. I have no doubts about staying."

Ince struggled under Ottavio Bianchi, Inter's former coach, but feels more comfortable since Roy Hodgson, the English-born manager of Switzerland, took over. Ince said: "We are now playing a 4-4-2 formation, which suits me much better, and things seem to be working for me rather than against me."

Arsenal suffered only their second defeat in the FA Carling Premiership this season when they lost 1-0 against Bolton at Burnden Park on Monday night. David Platt making his comeback from injury, after an absence of nine matches, as a 72nd-minute substitute.

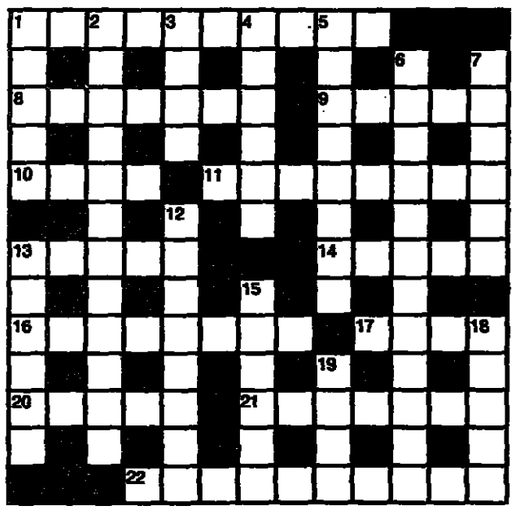
It is unlikely that Rioch will renew his attempt to buy Ince as the Italian league's transfer "window" remains open for only a week from tomorrow, giving Arsenal little time to prepare another bid.

They would also have to deal with Manchester United, who retain a first option on Ince, should he decide to leave Inter. "Until Inter talk to us, nothing can happen," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday.

Rioch, anyway, would leave the finer details to Dein. "It appears that Inter did not want to sell Paul, but I have not been involved in any of the negotiations," Rioch said. "My job is to nominate to the board of directors the players I would like to have at the club."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 615



ACROSS
1 Orwell's satire on USSR (6,4)
8 Performance before 22 (7)
9 Severe Athenian lawgiver (5)
10 Tilt; written item series (4)
11 Inner and Outer islands (8)
13 Niggard (5)
14 Vegetable; sounds like *burnt* (5)
16 Shortage (8)
17 Dry (champagne) (4)
20 Deal with (3,2)
21 Group of three (gods) (7)
22 Official opening performance (5,5)

DOWN
1 Horrify (5)
2 A bit at a time (2,4,6)
3 Waterless (4)
4 Prescriber of *English Usage*; (*arch.*) bird catcher (6)
5 Non-Oxbridge (8)
6 Fully paid up (member) (4-8)
7 Ready for action; self-assured (6)
12 Sort of cabbage, branching heads (8)
13 Apply wrongly (6)
15 Standing (in society) (6)
18 Lovers' meeting (5)
19 Bearing, appearance (4)

SOLUTION TO No. 614
ACROSS: 1 Boar 3 Fanciful 8 Core 9 Scorpion 11 Fever pitch 14 Ringer 15 Stride 17 Jolly Roger 20 Adelaide 21 Bred 22 Enrolled 23 Head
DOWN: 1 Backfire 2 Arriving 4 Arctic 5 Caricature 6 Fain 7 Lane 10 Free-for-all 12 Lingerie 13 Degraded 16 Sludge 18 Pure 19 Tear

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